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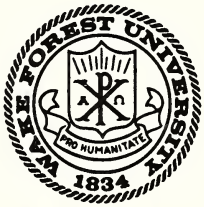

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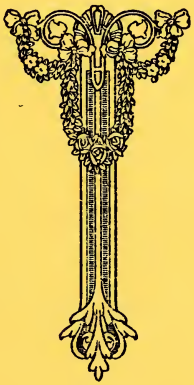

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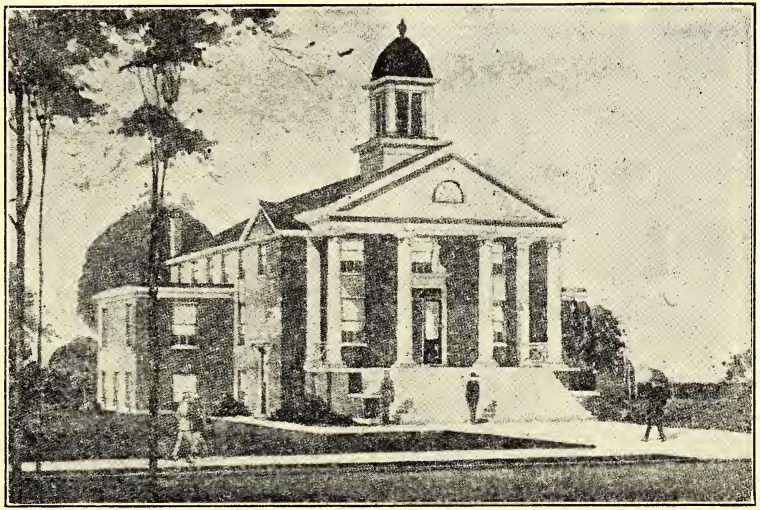

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Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

Proceedings

The Eighth Annual Session of the Gaston County Baptist Association meets and is held with the Flint-Groves Baptist Church, East Gastonia, North Carolina, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 19th and 20th days of October, 1926, and is called to order by Moderator of last session, W. J. Francis, of Belmont, N. C.

After singing two songs, No. 35, "Higher Ground," and No. 18, "Stand on the Promise," W. J. Francis reads the Scripture Lesson from Romans 13 and leads the opening prayer.

The Moderator appoints as enrollment committee the following: C. A. Caldwell and M. L. Barnes, and on their report there appears to be 105 delegates enrolled for the initial meeting.

The churches were represented by delegates or messengers enrolling during the session as follows:

ALEXIS—Kenneth McAlister, Miss Janie Gregory, Beulah Morris, C. H. Senter, C. W. Abernathy, R. G. Short, J. M. Ballard.

EAST BELMONT—Mrs. L. B. Traywick, C. G. Rumfelt, W. L. Chapman, R. G. Mace, Paul Traywick.

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BESSEMER CITY—J. L. Teague, J. R. Rollins, C. Lee Hayes, C. C. Noblitt, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. E. C. Sisk.

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CENTER VIEW—M. L. McDonald, J. T. Lowery.

CHERRYVILLE—W. A. Shuford, J. T. Allen, Ava Stroup, David P. Dellinger, J. J. Beach, L. C. McDowell, Mrs. L. C. McDowell, A. L. Houser.

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SOUTH MARIETTA STREET, GASTONIA—P. A. Underwood, Mrs. L. O. Bunton,

TEMPLE, GASTONIA—W. Arthur Hoffman, S. B. Laws, Mrs. S. B. Laws.

HARDIN—John G. Terres.

HICKORY GROVE—D. L. Abernethy, W. T. Rankin, J. F. Abernethy, Arthur Lee.

HIGH SHOALS—J. P. Boggs.

HULL'S GROVE—Z. V. Brendle, J. H. Brendle, C. M. Robinson, Furman King.

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL—W. W. Rimmer, A. R. Holland, T. S. Summey, Irene Jenkins, T. C. Smith.

LOWELL—M. M. Parker, Rev. L. L. Jessup, J. P. Kimbro, J. W. Hansel, Mrs. R. L. Heldermon.

McADENVILLE—Mrs. O. F. Moore, Mrs. E. C. Adcock, Mrs. Will Wagstaff, Mrs. Lee Deaton, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Mrs. L. M. Rhyne, C. A. Caldwell, J. Will Rankin, P. R. Clanton, Annie Pence, W. A. Beatty.

MOUNT BEULAH—L. A. Barbee, J. S. Abernathy, M. L. Capps, E. H. Biggerstaff.

MOUNT HOLLY—A. U. Stroup, E. C. Andrews, W. W. Skidmore.

MOUNT ZION—W. L. Walters, Lee Wacaster, George D. Beam, R. C. Hardin, T. J. Moss.

RANLO—A. G. Webb, M. L. Barnes.

SANDY PLAINS—W. T. Howell, W. E. Beatz.

SHADY GROVE—D. C. Sellers, Bert Stroup, W. G. Camp.

SPENCER MOUNTAIN—R. L. Rhodes, John L. Cloninger, H. W. Baucom, J. P. Horne.

The following visitors were enrolled during the session: J. W. Suttle, Moderator, Kings Mountain Baptist Association; H. E. Waldrop, Shelby, N. C.; Mrs. W. A. Shuford, Cherryville, N. C.; Miss Fannie Dellinger, Mrs. George E. Beam, Cherryville; J. D. Moose and wife, Charlotte, C. J. Black, Pastor First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain; J. W. Kesterson, Maiden, N. C.; K. L. Lineberger, Worker South Fork Association; J. H. Boggs, Brookford; M. F. Huggins, Secretary Board of Education; Mrs. Lee Wacaster, Cherryville; Mrs. N. F .Hovis, Alexis; R. W. Hovis, Mrs. A. L. McAlister, Sallie Nantz, Elsie McAllister, Alexis, N. C.; Mrs. P. A. Stone, Belmont; Mrs. J. A. Spargo, Mrs. D. H. Campbell, Mrs. H. R. Wilkins, East Gastonia; W. O. Glover, Belmont; Mrs. W. F. Rankin, McAdenville; M. I. Harris, Lincolnton; C. M. Cassell, singer, Spartanburg, S. C.; T. C. Singleton, Newton, N. C.; Mrs. M. I. Harris, Lincolnton; Mrs. E. A. Harris, Belmont; R. L. Leeper, Cramerton; A. O. Washburn, Mrs. J. W. Kesterson, Maiden; Mrs. Frank H. Morris, Stanley; Mrs. T. E. Morris, Stanley; Mrs. W. W. Rimmer, A. E. Clemmer, Lowell; Mrs. W. E. Beaty, Lowell; J. L. Hoffman, Lowell; M. E. Loy, Lowell; Mrs. E. K. Carter, Lowell; Mrs. A. G. Webb, Lowell; Mrs. M. L. Barnes, Lowell; Mrs. O. W. Triplett, Stanley; Mrs. Lizzie Hull, Vale, N. C.; F. F. King, Vale, N. C.; L. A. Allen, Clover, S. C.; Liza Abernethy, McAdenville; Kathryn Barbee, Bessemer City; Mrs. J. L. Brackett, Mrs. Etta Evans, Rev. N. T. Lancaster, Mrs. J. J. Queen, Gastonia; A. A. Lineberger, Mrs. Abernathy, Ila Mae Lineberger, Alexis; Miss Lillie Abernethy, Lowell; Mrs. R. B. Hicks, Mr. R. B. Hicks, Cherryville; A. L. Whiteside, Mrs. L. A. Barbee, Lincolnton; T. H. Roach, J. Ben Eller, Pastor First Baptist Church, Statesville; G. P. Abernethy, Shelby; C. A. Lineberger, Drexel, N. C.; Dr. M. A. Adams, Pastor First Baptist Church, Rutherfordton, N. C.; J. W. P. Hill, Earl, N. C.; H. O. Eisenhower, W. H. Stowe, Belmont; Mrs. Lee

Mauney, Ranlo; Mrs. E. C. Andrews, Mt. Holly; Mrs. T. L. Ware, Mt. Holly; Mrs. R. L. Rhodes, Mt. Holly; E. Norfleet Gardner from Thomasville Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.; J. H. Quinn, Chairman Board of Trustees, Boiling Springs High School, Shelby, N. C.; Rev. D. F. Putnam, Shelby, N. C.; Prof. J. D. Huggins, Principal B. S. H. S., Boiling Springs, N. C.; Marion Turner, Grady Bowen, Boiling Springs; Mrs. E. H. Biggerstaff, R. F. D., Bessemer City; Lee Powell, Boiling Springs; Willis Martin, Boiling Springs; W. Clive Francis, Boiling Springs; M. L. Clemmer, Dallas; Edna Clemmer, Dallas.

The following officers are elected to serve the ensuing year: W. J. Francis, of Belmont, Moderator; R. S. Lewis, of Dallas, Vice-Moderator; David P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, Clerk, and W. L. Walters, of Gastonia, Treasurer.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to report on the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith of the Temple Baptist Church and Bethel Baptist Church: R. G. Mace, J. J. Beach and M. L. Barnes.

W. A. Hoffman reads the report on:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

In submitting a report on the subject of Religious Literature we realize that the field of matter is almost without limit. The question of books and magazines of the right kind for our people covers a wide field indeed, but we feel that for our own work there are special ones that should be considered and we mention a few of these. They are: 1. The Biblical Recorder, our own denominational paper published at Raleigh. 2. Charity and Children, published by the Orphanage at Thomasville. 3. Home and Foreign Fields, published by the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, Virginia. 4. Royal Service, published at Birmingham, Ala.

We feel that the periodicals mentioned above covers in a very comprehensive way our work as a denomination in our own State, in the Home land and on the Foreign fields.

One of our outstanding needs today that we as a denomination have is a greater knowledge of the work that lies out before us. If we shall ever meet the opportunities that lie out before us in

our Master's work, we must have a greater vision of the pressing needs of the world, and we cannot have this vision nor can we do the work as we should, unless we shall be properly informed. This information must come through the periodicals published for this purpose.

We feel that if there is an understanding on the part of Christians of the world's needs and our Master's will in regard to these needs, that there will be a great awakening on the part of our churches throughout the Southland and a great forward movement of the Banner of our Lord and Savior throughout the world.

As the above mentioned periodicals cover in a general way our work and outline from time to time the most satisfactory way of carrying on the work, we, your committee, recommend that our churches lay special stress upon the importance of reading each one of them and according to the plan best suited for the local church, we recommend that special effort be made to increase the number of subscribers to all of our denominational publications.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOFFMAN, For the Committee.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by Dr. M. A. Adams, representing the Biblical Recorder, and it is adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following committee on Time, Place and Preacher: W. P. Rankin, chairman; L. A. Barbee and D. L. Abernathy.

The Moderator appoints the following delegates to the Baptist State Convention: A. U. Stroup, R. S. Lewis and J. W. Whitley.

R. G. Mace reads the following report on Church Covenant and Articles of Faith of the Temple Baptist Church, and Bethel Baptist Church:

We, the Committee on Church Covenant and Articles of Faith of Bethel Baptist Church and Temple Baptist Church, find the churches sound in faith and duly organized. We, therefore, recommend that the churches be received and the delegates be seated as members of this body.

R. G. MACE, Chairman
M. L. BARNES,
J. J. BEACH.

Song No. 40, "Stand Up For Jesus." Prayer is offered by J. J. Beach, Pastor of Cherryville Baptist Church.

O. W. Triplett, Pastor Bruington Baptist Church, of Stanley, N. C., preaches the Associational Sermon. The Scripture Lesson being 14th Chapter of John. The theme being, "The Atonement, The Christ." It was a masterful sermon and felt and enjoyed by all who heard him.

R. G. Short, of Cherryville, offered prayer at the close of the sermon.

At 12:15 the Association adjourns to meet again at 1:15 P. M.

Benediction by Dr. C. J. Black, of Kings Mountain, N. C.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Vice-Moderator, R. S. Lewis, calls the Association to order at 1:15 P. M.

Song No. 36, "My Savior's Love.' This is followed by the devotional service in charge of R. G. Short, of Cherryville, who uses as the Lesson the 20th Chapter of the Acts. Prayer by P. A. Underwood.

Song No. 4, "Send a Great Revival."

On motion of E. C. Andrews the report on Hospitals will be taken up at 3:15 P. M. today, and the report of the Executive Committee will be made at 3:15 P. M. Wednesday.

Mrs. L. O. Bunton reads the following report on:

WOMAN'S WORK.

Of the 33 churches in Gaston County, N. C., am happy to report active missionary organizations in 24 of them. Twelve new societies have been organized this year, which gives us a total of 82 societies, 55 of these are active.

We reported at our anual meeting $8,483.39. Our apportionment was $8,000.00, and we are glad to report that we went over our aim.

A Loan Fund for deserving applicants was started at the annual meeting, $100.00 being pledged for this purpose.

The Superintendent expresses her gratitude to the district secretaries for their loyal efforts and wonderful results. They are: Mrs. J. O. Fullbright, Gastonia; Mrs. Henry Holden, Bessemer City; Mrs. E. C. Andrews, Mount Holly, and Mrs. W. T. Baucom, Dallas. These secretaries' reports are included in the superintendent's report, and is as follows: Miles traveled, 1011, letters written 137, postals written 117, meetings held 22, societies organized 12.

The retiring superintendent urged the co-operation of the pastors in fulfilling of our aim, a missionary society in every church.

MRS. L. O. BUNTON.

On motion to adopt, the question is discussed by Mrs. W. J. Francis, the incoming president of the W. M. U. work, Mrs. Victoria Ferguson and Mrs. P. A. Underwood, and it is adopted.

A special invitation is extended to the Association to attend the evangelistic services now being held at the First Baptist Church, Gastonia, by Dr. M. E. Dodd, of Shreveport, Louisiana.

The subject of B. Y. P. U. work is discussed in an interesting manner by Miss Victoria Ferguson, M. L. Barnes, J. J. Beach, and J. P. Thomas.

J. P. Thomas, president of the B. Y. P. U. work of the Association, reads the following report on:

B. Y. P. U. WORK.

The close of the Associational year finds our B. Y. P. U.'s in the finest of shape, both as to organization and efficiency. We have made a gain this year of 38 Unions, which represents one or more Unions in every church, including our new churches, making a total of 93 in all. Having accomplished our goal last year which was "A Union in every church," we set our face to the future with much thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the past year's work. Our District meetings have been a great success.

In our State Convention at Meredith we won the state banner. In our Associational convention, the convention sermon was preached by Dr. A. C. Hamby to a record-breaking crowd which over-

flowed the convention hall. The convention was well attended; 69 Unions having representatives present. On our program was Mr. Perry Morgan, Miss Winnie Rackett, and Miss Victoria Ferguson, besides local talent. The closing sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Beach. The next convention meets with Center View Baptist Church the fifth Sunday in May. List of officers are as follows: Mr. J. P. Thomas, president; Vice-presidents, Mr. J. H. Fagan, District 2, (he being forced to resign on account of moving from district, was succeeded by Prof. R. E. Beasley); Miss Annie Vandyke, District 3; Miss Addie Leeper, District 4. Miss Lela Belle Mitchell, who resigned in favor of Miss Lena Huggins, Mr. W. L. Hawkins, chorister; Miss Rimmer, pianist; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Lena Huggins; Assistant Secretary-treasurer, Miss McCoy.

Our new goal for the year is "Every Union A-1." We already have accomplished a great part of this goal. The spirit of co-operation is wonderful throughout the association. In all our endeavors toward making our goal the central thought in mind has been "Backing our Pastor's Program Up" in the church and co-operating with all the auxiliaries. To this end we earnestly ask for the consecrated efforts of all pastors and laymen to this task. We believe that the B. Y. P. U.'s (wh eliwe do not claim to take the place of the other auxiliaries) is "God's own training camp," and already we can see fruits of our labors in so many ways, and we feel sure that the opportunity presents itself as never before in our history—then my honest prayer is that we shall measure up under the banner of King Jesus, and may "Efficiency" be our watchword, and "Every Union A-1" as our goal.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. THOMAS,
President and Director B. Y. P. U.'S.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by J. P. Thomas, and it is adopted.

S. R. Bass reads the report on:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School work has become one of the greatest of denominational training in the world. Since Jesus sent out the disciples and commanded them to "go make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," the churches have never been able to do such marvelous and such constructive achievements. Back of the evangelism and

the wonderful missionary development was the Sunday School, teaching in an humble way the divine Master's last command. Before William Carey went out as a foreign missionary Robert Raikes had organized and started the modern Sunday School work in England and was teaching hundreds of people the gospel message.

Our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., is co-operating with our South-wide Program and through special days and printed programs helping the denomination to go forward as never before. Teacher-training and the B. Y. P. U. work in our churches are developing the young people and preparing them for church efficiency and real service in our churches everywhere.

We are glad to report much progress in our own State in Standard Sunday Schools. In 1924 we had only 43, last year we had 91 and at the first of September there had already been reported 112. Also the teacher-training work is going fine. From January 1 to September 1 of this year there had been given 68,787 Normal Awards. North Carolina received 7,371 of these. The Sunday School Board is aiming at 100,000 in the South and North Carolina is to have 10,000 of this number if the goal is reached.

Our Board at Nashville is putting out new workers every year and adding new life to the work. Last year there was 312 secretaries and other workers in the field. Institutes and campaigns were held during the last year and many new places are opening for this part of the program.

In connection with this your committee desires to call the attention of the Association to a recent action of the Ministers Conference when it was decided to put on a campaign in this county next September and hold a Sunday School Institute at every church in the Association that would co-operate for this work. Our Sunday School Board is to furnish a large number of special workers and others are to be found in our midst. We heartily commend this work to the consideration of every church in our bounds.

We are delighted to be able to report live schools in all our churches in this Association. Wise leadership and sympathetic co-operation on the part of teachers and officers will solve many of our present-day problems. We would call the schools' attention to the excellent and efficient assistance at Nashville and they will always gladly advise all churches and schools in their problems.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BASS, For Committee.

On motion to adopt, it is discussed by S. R. Bass, and O. W. Triplett, and it is adopted.

E. C. Andrews reads the following report on:

HOSPITALS.

North Carolina Baptists have been rather slow to lay hold on the Social Service of our denominational work, in the way of establishing of Hospitals. We were pioneers in the Orphanage work in our State, but slow in caring for the sick and suffering. But now that we have established our first hospital at Winston-Salem, and made our beginning, I trust that the end is not yet.

While our hospital is still in its infancy more than five thousand patients have passed through our doors. Nearly one thousand of these have either been charity or part pay. Fathers, mothers, and children have come from town and country, but none of them have been turned away. Their pleas have been heart-breaking. During these months of our existence, the blind have been made to see, the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, and the poor have had the gospel preached to them.

Last year there were about eighteen hundred patients admitted, over four hundred of which were charity. They came from every section of our state. Today there are charity patients under our care from Sylvia, Mount Airy, Furches, Weldon, Norward, Durham, Henderson, Sanford, Macon, Granite Falls, Marshall, Burlington, and other points closer to the hospital. These cases cost the Hospital around $20,000.00. And the number of charity patients grow with the years. It appears now that we must care for five hundred charity patients this year, or turn them away to die.

To pay for this $20,000.00 of charity the Hospital authorities received up to July the first about $12,000.00 from all Mother's Day offerings. Therefore we start with no funds for the needs of charity and a debt on hand for what has been done. It is a great pity to turn away these good Baptist people just because they are poor and because our churches will not hear their cry.

Our Hospital is second to none, in fact we have wonderful facilities for helping the sick. We have a death record that demonstrates the power of prayer in healing the sick, and yet our people cannot come because we have not observed Mother's Day and offered to help care for them.

Unless something is done to relieve the situation, we are going to be compelled to turn down numbers of worthy people who are

knocking at our doors for admission. It is impossible to do the work without funds. Nurses must be paid, food provided, and proper comfort must be had. To do this we must have the support of our people, or the Hospital cannot exist. What shall be done with the calls which come from every section of our great State? Brethren and sisters, our contributions will be the answer.

Our budget funds are too small to meet the debts on the building which come due this year. There is no hope from that source. It is Mother's Day offerings or some other special offering from our Sunday schools, or the hand of mercy must be stayed.

The suffering and the dying, plead for our prayers, our support, and our offerings. Both in sending pay patients, and also helping the poor and needy.

The women of the State are endeavoring to build a Nurses' Home, which is so much needed. This home will increase the revenue, and enlarge the opportunity for caring for charity patients. We men need to help the women in this great enterprise, and give our girls a place to rest in comfort while off duty. When this Nurses' Home has been built it will open to the public twenty-one extra beds, and no one can estimate the far-reaching good that may be accomplished.

Brethren of the Gaston County Baptist Association, we must save our baby institution in its infancy. And in after years it will arise and give us glorious service.

Your Committee has this one recommendation to make, viz., that every church in this Association emphasize Mother's Day, and a big offering for our Hospital at Winston-Salem. Let us make it in keeping with our Thanksgiving offering for our Orphanage.

Your Committee,

E. C. ANDREWS.

On motion to adopt, the report is discussed by E. C. Andrews, C. A. Lineberger, J. J. Beach, R. G. Mace and W. C. Barrett and it is adopted.

L. L. Jessup for W. T. Rankin, reads the following report from the committee on Time, Place and Preacher:

We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the Hickory Grove Baptist Church, on Tuesday and Wednesday after the third Sunday in Octo-

ber, 1927; and that J. J. Beach preach the Associational Sermon, with C. A. Caldwell, as alternate. W. T. Rankin, Chairman; D. L. Abernethy, L. A. Barber.

On motion the report is adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to nominate Trustees Boiling Springs High School. W. T. Baucom, O. W. Triplett, S. R. Bass.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to name members of the Executive Committee: L. L. Jessup, J. M. Trogdon, E. C. Andrews.

New pastors of the Association are recognized and welcomed as members of this body.

At 4:30 P. M. the Association adjourns to meet at 7:00 o'clock P. M.

Benediction by Dr. E. V. Hudson.

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Association was called to order at 7:00 P. M., by the Moderator, W. J. Francis.

Song, "He's a Wonderful Savior To Me," and "Higher Ground." Prayer by M. L. Barnes.

The devotional exercises is conducted by L. L. Jessup, Pastor Lowell Baptist Church. Scripture Lesson 2nd Cor. 10th Chapter.

W. L. Walters reads the following report on:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS.

A report that would cover these two great questions and at the same time state the position that we should take on them would be a difficult one indeed to write, and if written, would take entirely to much space. Therefore many things will have to be left out of the report that should possibly go into it.

There should be no question about the stand we should take on the question of temperance. It is a law upon the statute books of our nation and that within its self should be good grounds for our loyalty to it. When we have laws that we know to be wrong upon the statute books we should seek to have them removed in-

stead of showing our disrepect for them by breaking them. It is not only a law with our people and for this reason should be strictly adhered to, but this question also has a prominent place in our Guide Book, the Word of God, and every child of His should without question be temperate themselves and they should also lend their support to those who are in authority and who are responsible for the enforcement of law.

We realize fully that one of our weakest places is getting men in office who will really put themselves into the fight to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment. This is especially true where public opinion is not outspoken for its enforcement. We should feel that we are directly responsible ourselves for the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment to the constitution and should at no time cast our votes for men who will not to the letter carry out the laws upon our statute books.

Those who are opposed to our prohibition laws, and who for their own profit seek to have them modified, tell us that these laws are ruinous to our nation and that conditions are worst by far than when we had the open saloon. They know when such statements are made that they are false in their entirety. This can be easily proven by any fair-minded comparison.

A prominent political leader who is himself in hearty accord with our prohibition laws and who is well informed on this subject, recently said in substance before a Men's Bible Class in this section, "The Eighteenth Amendment to our Constitution, is the greatest blessing that ever came to the American people."

The laws that we have on this question are here to stay and will only be changed when they are made more drastic. It is our duty to show our loyalty to our country and to our God by demanding that these laws be enforced to the letter and to help to the limit ourselves in having this done.

The question of Public Morals is of such importance that we have to acknowledge at first our inability to properly write a report covering it.

Since the early days of man upon the earth we have ever had those who cared very little for themselves morally and who were at the same time seeking the downfall of others who were in their way, but surely we have never faced conditions more bold and sinful than those we now have.

There are certainly two classes who are at this time doing all within their power to lower the standard of our people morally. One class is seeking to lower the standard by leading men astray

by every known and cunning device of men. They seek to justify their position only by saying that while we are here we should enjoy all within our reach. Another class is doing much to lower the standard by trying to convince our people that so many of the things formerly looked upon as sinful are all right.

The greatest remedy for this condition is the pure religion of Jesus Christ. This is the task not only for the Ministry, who should always be on the side of right, but also for every child of God.

Much good can be accomplished by holding up the high standard before our folks and great good may also come from a demand that our people refrain from things intemperate and immoral and that they stand ever and always on the side of right.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALTERS,
For the Committee.

On motion to adopt, the question is ably discussed by W. L. Walters and O. W. Triplett, and it is adopted.

The Association adjourns to meet at 9:15 A. M. Wednesday.

Benediction by W. B. McClure, Pastor of the Hickory Grove Baptist Church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association is called to order at 9:15 A. M. by the Moderator, W. J. Francis.

Song No. 14, "Stepping in the Light."

Prayer by W. G. Camp, Pastor, Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Devotional services is conducted by W. B. McClure, Pastor, Hickory Grove Baptist Church. Scripture Lesson John 14:1-21. Prayer by J. J. Beach, Pastor Cherryville Baptist Church.

Minutes of the three sessions of Wednesday and Wednesday night are read and approved.

Song No. 99, "Ready."

On motion of J. J. Beach the Order of Business is referred to the original committee for revision or recasting the work for the afternoon session.

P. A. Underwood reads the following report on:

STATE MISSIONS.

Nearly a hundred years ago, a split ocurred in the Baptist movement which resolved itself in the Missionary and Anti-Missionaary forces. The Missionary Baptists then numbere about 10,000 white and colored. The Anti-Missionaries numbered about 20,000. Today there are 264,000 white and 250,000 colored Baptists and only about 10,000 of the Anti-Missionaries. This shows that missions is the secret of growth and expansion in the Christian movement. This being true, Baptists should ever keep the spirit of missions before their people.

Our State Mission Board has always stood for the promotion of missions. It has been the means of helping many weak and destitute places. Many of the strong churches of today were once helped by the State Mission Board. We should keep our people informed as to the great work the State Mission Board is doing and of the important place it is filling in our denominational work.

The State Mission Board has ever had perplexing problems to confront it. They have been many and varied. New condition bring about new problems. Today the Board is confronted with many problems. Let us mention three.

First, the problem of Enlistment. This is one of our greatest tasks—getting our people to realize that they have a part and a place to fill in our great work. Too many seem to think that it is right for them to remain idle and let the pastor and a few of the deacons do all the work. There are a large number in most every church who do nothing to help support and promote the work. Out of 2,200 white Baptist churches in North Carolina 600 gave nothing to the co-operative program last year. And many more did very little. Let us strive to enlist our people and make them feel that much depends on their doing something to fit in our great plan of work.

Second, our Rural Church Problem. The fact that there are 2,000 of our churches in the country and small towns makes this a big problem. The good road program in North Carolina is doing much to bring our church cammunities close together. Our state school system has fast been working on consolidating weak centers

into strong centers. It seems that many of our rural churches must face this same problem. This is being done in some places.

Third, the problem of the fast growing Industrial Centers. The Piedmont section of North Carolina is fast being transformed into a great manufacturing center. Gaston County is in the very heart of this center. There are more than 100 mills in the county and plans are being made for the construction of others. Many new mill villages are springing up with no Baptist church, or place of worship near them. Most of these new mills are being filled with people from the mountains who are already Baptists. This affords a fine opportunity to enlist these people in our co-operative program. Many of them will after working a while in the mills go back to their old homes. Why not send them back with a new vision of service for our Master?

P. A. UNDERWOOD,
For Committee.

On motion to adopt the question is discussed by P. A. Underwood and it is adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following committee on Order of Business for next year: R. G. Mace, Chairman; J. J. Beach and C. A. Caldwell.

The Moderator appoints as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, J. W. Whitley of Gastonia, N. C.

The Moderator appoints as a member of the State Mission Board, W. C. Barrett, of Gastonia, N. C.

R. G. Mace reads the following report:

HOME MISSIONS.

In the consideration of Home Missions, five things need to be emphasized: The first consideration is the fact that, under the blessings of God, the achievements in this field of labor have been marvelous indeed. No agency in all the history of the world has enjoyed in such lavish fashion the blessings of heaven. In every department of our work the divine hand is seen in the results accomplished. At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Board reported 19,774 baptisms and 15,452 letters, making a total of 35,226 added to the membership of Southern Baptist churches through the activity of Home Mission workers. All this in face of the fact that the Department of Evangelism

was not reorganized until October of last year, making it impossible for this department to report more than 417 baptisms.

Did space permit, results equally phenominal could be reported from every department of the work.

A second consideration is the tremendous importance of this work. Mr. Richard H. Edmonds has called this "the most crucial period in the history of the South and in the history of Southern Baptists." He states further that this period will, "so far as human knowledge can forecast, shape for generations to come Baptist work in this section and in the world." The day in which we now live is fraught with immense possibilities for either weal or woe. The rapid industrial development in almost every section of the South is building up vast areas of congested population and creating a state of mind that threatens the very foundations of our civilization. Materialism and hedonism threaten to become the dominant motives in Southern life. Modernism of the most blatant type reaches, with grimy hand, for the throat of all that is sacred to the South. Only the religion of a crucified and risen Redeemer gripping and transforming the lives of men and women, can save us from the direful consequences that these treacherous influences would bring upon us. Then the innumerable foreigners who sojourn in our midst, many of whom will return to their native land to carry the impressions gained here, constitute a challenging Home Mission problem. Shall they return to their own and tell of the transforming power of the cross, or shall they go back to tell of the greed and selfishness of American Christians?

In the third place, we need to consider the adverse conditions under which our Home Mission Board is forced to function. With a debt of a million dollars the Board has been forced to retrench in a disasterous way. No expansion of the work is possible until the debt is lifted and the contributions largely increased. Many causes have contributed to the falling off in receipts. Industrial depression, doctrinal unrest and a lack of information have all played their part; but the fundamental cause, perhaps, is the spirit of worldliness that is sweeping our churches. This constitutes the greatest handicap to the best possible service by the Home Mission Board.

The fourth consideration is the fact that Baptist honor and Baptist prestige are at stake in our Home Mission enterprise. Just as we meet the challenging opportunities of the South today will Baptist stock advance throughout the world. We have it in our power to fix, for generations to come, the religious standards

of the South. If we have, as we claim to have, the gospel which the world needs, our obligation is to give that gospel to all the world. In our possession are adequate resources for making that gospel known to the world. Criminal will be the negligence which fails.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. MACE.

On motion to adopt the report it is discussed by R. G. Mace, and it is adopted.

W. T. Baucom reads the report on:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. Because of what the Scripture saith.

The Great Commission.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19, 20.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15, 16.

"And that repentence and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:27.

Debtors.

"I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise." Romans 1:14.

Examples.

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ to them." Acts 8:5.

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said: Of a truth I perceive that God is no respector of persons. But in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted of him." Acts 10:24, 35.

"And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Mark 16:20.

"And as they ministered unto the Lord, and fasted, the Holy

Ghost said, Separate me Banabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Selucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus." Acts 13:2-4.

Equipped—Sent.

"Go your ways: behold I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way." Luke 10:3, 4. This to the seventy. A year later he speaks as follows to the Apostles.

"And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one." Luke 22:35, 36.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Romans 10:13-15.

II. Because results in Foreign Mission work justify it. A few facts about our own work is sufficient to prove this statement. Last year 13,269 persons were baptized on foreign fields, a gain of 1,135 over the year before. Our total membership now is 140,480. There are 1,215 churches, 557 of which are self-supoprting. These contributed $4.00 per member last year.

We have 1,818 Sunday Schools, 76,991 scholars, 568 women societies, 13,649 members, 574 young people's societies with 13,868 members. We had 920 schools including all from kindergarten to seminaries with 36,893 students, before lack of funds made it necessary to discontinue some of them. More than 50 per cent of the baptisms on the foreign fileds last year came from these schools.

The medical work of the board consisted of 214,910 treatments administered to 69,583 patients, of which 5,598 were in-patients. 934 of the operations performed were major operations.

III. Because distressing financial conditions just now demand increased giving.

The Foreign Mission Board started the 1925-26 with a heavy debt and with loud calls for reinforcement and relief. Largely as

a result of the Christmas Love Offering the debt was substantially reduced, but there is still more than $700,000. The Board has for more than three years denied the missionaries all equipment, such as residences, church buildings, school and hospital buildings, and many other things needed in the work. For some time no new missionaries have been appointed by the Board although there has been sad depletion of the missionary staff by death and resignation.

The effect of this retrenchment by the Board may be suggested by this one incident. Appropriation for 80 native workers on one field was cut off, leaving our misionary and his wife alone to do the work of that field. This missionary wrote the Board as follows: "We know perfectly well that when the Board cut out the appropriations for every one of the 80 preachers, teachers, Bible women and colporters on the payroll of us two you did not realize that Evangelistic Work in the Canton Field and Day Schools in Canton Field meant not only Canton city,—but it meant a territory so vast that we formerly did well when we made the rounds once a year, holding meetings of a few days in each place."

IV. The world needs and is ready to receive the Gospel we preach. The world which the Foreign Mission Board faces today is a world in desperate need, but a world ready for Christ, its only hope. Will the Baptists of Gaston County Association suffer their beloved missionaries and their Foreign Board to appeal to them in vain? Will we ignore the calls of a lost world for which Christ died and for which we have a sure and only remedy? The world needs the gospel, hundreds of young people are ready to carry it, and our people have money to send them, if they will only give it.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. BAUCOM.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by W. T. Baucom, J. J. Beach, W. W. Rimmer, T. P. Stanfield, of Clover, S. C., and M. A. Huggins, Secretary of the Baptist State Education Board and it is adopted.

R. G. Mace from the Committee on Order of Business reports and recommends the following for the balance of the session:

11:45—Treasurer's Report, Report of Executive Committee and Miscellaneous.

12:00—Dinner.

1:00—Devotional.

1:15—Christian Education—W. C. Barrett and M. E. Dodd.

2:00—Boiling Springs High School.

2:30—Resolutions on Report.

2:45—Support Ministerial Students B. S. H. S.

3:00—Report of South Fork Institute Committee.

3:05—Orphanage.

3:35—Ministerial Relief.

4:00—Obituaries.

4:15—Miscellaneous.

On motion the report is adopted.

W. L. Walters reads the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gastonia, N. C., October 18, 1926.

Gaston County Baptist Association:

I submit my report as treasurer of the Association for the year ending September 30, 1926.

Receipts

From the churches for minutes and printing	$209.81

Disbursements

Brumley Printing Co., Programs 1925 Session	$ 4.00	
Loftin & Co., Minutes 1926 Session	142.50	
Loftin & Co., cut of Alexis Church	4.75	
D. P. Dellinger, Clerk	25.00	
D. P. Dellinger, expense, postage, etc.	11.50	
D. P. Dellinger, deficit for 1925	22.06	
		$209.81
Present deficit due Clerk	$ 18.51	

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALTERS, Treasurer.

On motion it is adopted.

W. J. Francis reads the following

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, beg to submit the following report:

Ranlo Baptist Church, located in East Gastonia, M. L. Barnes,

pastor, received by baptism 37, by letter 94, by restoration 6, total 137, present membership 380. Received from State Mission Board $300.00. Amount raised for benevolences $243.75, local expenses $2,348.90, for building and repairs $3,245.67. The following organizations are functioning: Four B. Y. P. U. enrollment, 103 average attendance 80, Y. W. A., W. M. S., Sunbeams enrollment 79. Sunday School enrollment 490. Average atendance 300.

Calvary Baptist Church, in South Gastonia, J. M. Trogdon, pastor, received by baptism 21, by letter 28, present membership 360, raised for beenvolences $93.40, local expenses including church debt, $5,414.94; amount for church building and repairs $587.69; amount received from State Mission Board, $300.00. The following organizations are functioning: Sunday School, W. M. S., St., Jr. and Int., B. Y. P. U.

South Mariett Baptist Church, located in Southeast Gastonia, P. A. Underwood, pastor, received by baptism 34, by letter 84, present membership 290. Amount raised for benevolences, $240.00, for local expenses $4 350.00, for building and repairs $600.00. The following organizations are functioning: S. S., three B. Y. P. U.'s, W. M. S. Amount received from State Mission Board $300.00.

Hardin Baptist Church, located in northern part of county, C. A. Abernathy, pastor, received by baptism ____, by letter ____, present membership ____, received from State Mission Board ____. Amount raised for benevolences ____, for local expenses ____, for building and repairs ____. The following organizations are functioning:

In addition to these fields we wish to call attention to the following needs of enlarged fields and congested conditions: East Belmont Church is trying to minister to eight mills, house not large enough to take care of the people, equipment wholly inadequate, but under these handicaps this church is doing a wonderful work under the leadership of Rev. R. G. Mace, who has been pastor of this church for ______ years. Mt. Holly field, mills badly scattered, almost too far from any church to attend and too, church not able to have a worker to be among these people. Gospel not being preached to them at all.

It is with pleasure that we can report that the western part of Gastonia has been taken care of in the organization of Temple Baptist church. Also the work around the Ragan Mill has now an organized church to minister to their needs. These last two churches have no house except as they rent from others.

On motion it is adopted.

C. A. Caldwell for J. M. Ballard reads the following report on:

OBITUARIES.

J. M. Ballard makes the following report:

Since the last annual meeting of the Gaston County Baptist Association some of our members have died, and while we humbly bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we desire that they be recorded in our permanent records.

The following churches and names have been reported:

Alexis—Mrs. S. L. McAlister, Mr. Anderson Stroup, and Mrs. A. A. Lineberger.

East Baptist Church, Belmont—Mr. James Harden.

First Belmont—Mrs. Sarah Smith and Miss Jennie Stone.

Bessemer City—Mrs. J. R. Watts, Miss Laura Wright and Miss Bertha Wright.

Bruington—Mr. L. H. Goodson, Miss Wilma Pressner, Mrs. Nanny Henson, J. T. Smith, A. Hovis and Mrs. Marvis Mauney.

Cherryville—Mr. A. L. Painter, Mr. Edward Guiton.

Dallas—Mrs. Labe Falls and Mr. J. R. Lewis.

Calvary Baptist Church, Gastonia—Mr. W. W. Wood and Mr. Haynes Shumatt.

First Baptist Church, Gastonia—Mr. F. M. Francum, Mrs. W. A. Hayes and W. Lyle Smith.

Loray, Gastonia—Mr. W. T. Green, Mr. Lawrence Newton, Mr. J. D. Holland, Miss Mildred Howell, Mr. James M. Rathborn, Mrs. C. M. Cash, Mr. S. L. Smith, and Sarah Ann Waldrop.

South Marietta Street Baptist Church, Gastonia—Mrs. Jennie Wellman and Mrs. John Bishop.

Hickory Grove—Mr. J. O. Huffstickler, Mrs. May Cherry, Mrs. J. L. Hunt and Mr. Billie Bell.

Hull's Grove—Mrs. Clyde Smith, Mrs. J. T. Martin, and Mrs. Vinnie King.

Long Creek Memorial—Master Everett Mobley, Mrs. Ethel Lineberger, Mrs. Sanie Parr, Mr. T. G. Hoffman and Mrs. Elizabeth Pressley.

Lowell—Mr. Sid Laws, Mrs. A. P. Perkins and L. L. Whitman.

McAdenville—Mrs. Every Rankin.

Mount Zion—Mrs. Mallie Houser, Mrs. Sarah Mode, Mr. M. A. Putnam, Mr. W. Burgin Smith and Mrs. Barbara Wacaster.

Sandy Plains—Mrs. N. H. Featherston, Mr. James Parris and Mr. J. C. Millen.

Tuckaseege—Mrs. J. M. Huffstetler.

J. M. BALLARD.

On motion it is adopted.

The Association adjourns at 12:10 to meet at 1:00 P. M.

Benediction by W. T. Baucom, Pastor Dallas Baptist Church.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association meets and is called to order at 1:00 P. M. by the Moderator.

Song No. 26, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

C. A. Caldwell conducts the devotional service. Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16. Prayer by L. L. Jessup.

Song No. 13, "Loyalty to Christ."

W. T. Baucom for the committee on nominations for members of the board of trustees of Boiling Springs High School to succeed J. W. Whitley and R. S. Lewis, whose terms of office expire at this session, reports and recommends the election of J. W. Whitley and R. S. Lewis for a term of five years succeeding themselves. On motion they are duly elected.

W. C. Barrett reads the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education means the training and informing of the intellectual powers. It is as old as the human race and as varied as civilization. Different methods and processes have been used. The school is the chief method of education in this age.

The State of North Carolina, having realized the necessity of a trained citizenship, has spent more on education in the last ten years, perhaps, than any other department of the State Government. We are soon coming to the time when the state will furnish an opportunity to every boy and girl to attend school.

Will this relieve the necessity of religious or denominational schools? We would answer no. There should be no conflict be-

tween the state schools and the religious or denominational schools, but since the state is limited and cannot teach religion, as such, we must have schools where our religion is taught. We must have leaders in religion and in denominations. If we do not have schools to train our leaders, we cannot have true and efficient leaders. (In the opinion of the writer the Bible should be the chief book taught in every denominational school and required in every course).

We have the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Woman's Training school at Louisville, Ky., and the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, and the Baptist Bible Institute, at New Orleans, La., which are South-wide institutions. In North Carolina we have Wake Forest College, Meredith College and Chowan College; Mars Hill, Wingate and Buie's Creek Junior Colleges, and several high schools owned and supported by Baptists. If we support the cooperative program, as adopted by the convention, all of these institutions get their proportionate part. This Association has a special interest in, and a special obligation to Boiling Springs High School, which deserves special attention by us.

We have the following boys and girls in colleges and Baptist High Schools:

From Belmont, N. C.

First Baptist Church:—Bumgardner, Miss Edna, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Bumgardner, Miss Hazel, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Abee, Miss Ruth, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Brown, Miss Ruth, Fruitland Institute, Hendersonville, N. C.; Kee, Miss Edith, Fruitland Institute, Hendersonville, N. C.; Fant, Claude, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Suggs, Robert, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.

East Baptist Church:—Mace, Miss Wilma, Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C.; Bumgardner, Miss Mamie, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Bumgardner, Ernest, Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; Bumgardner, P. L., State University, Chapel Hill, N. C.

From Bessemer City, N. C.

Bessemer City Baptist Church:—Briggs, Miss Blanche, N. C. C. W., Greensboro, N. C.; Sherrill, Fred, Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.; Gore, Ralph, University of N. C., Chapel Hill, N. C.

From Cherryville, N. C.

Cherryville Baptist Church:—Beam, Alphonzo, University of N C., Chapel Hill, N. C.; Harrelson, Hugh, University of N. C., Chapel

Hill, N. C.; Helms Hugh, University of N. C., Chapel Hill, N. C.; Morrison, Robert, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C.; McDonwell, Carlisle, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Kendrick, Cary, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Huss, Kelly, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; McDowell, Harold, University of Maryland, Baltimore; McDowell, Roy, University of Maryland, Baltimore; Kendrick, Miss Annie Will, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Kendrick, Miss Neva Pearl, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Self, Miss Clara Adell, Music, Baltimore, Md.; Sipe, Floyd, A. & M. of Miss.; Homesly, Hubert, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, N. C.

Mt. Beulah Baptist Church:—Payseur, Miss Mildred, Boone Normal School, Boone, N. C.; Bell, Henry, N. C. University, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Biggerstaff, Rev. Palmer, Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

From Dallas, N. C.

Long Creek Memorial Baptist Church:—Holland, Carroll, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Holland, Miss Bertie Lee, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Hoffman, Miss Alma, Boone Normal School, Boone, N. C.

From Gastonia, N. C.

First Baptist Church:—Moore, Carroll, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C.; Moore, Miss Madeline, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Welch, Miss Lucile, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Baber, Carl, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Newton, Carroll, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Frederick, John N., University of N. C., Chapel Hill, N. C.; Hoffman, Miss Charles, N. C. C. W., Greensboro, N. C.; Craig, Miss Nancy, N. C. C. W., Greensboro, N. C.; Smith, F. Fred, Duke University, Durham, N. C.; Gillespie, Paul G., Clemson College, Clemson College, S. C.; Dellinger, Paul, U. S. Military College, West Point, N. Y.

East Baptist Church:—Long, Rev. Raymond, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Huggins, Rev. Hubert, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Walters, Fred, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.

Loray Baptist Church:—Cobb, Miss Lela, Louisville Training School, Louisville, Ky.; Bolch, Rev. Oscar, Boiling Springs H. S., Boiling Springs, N. C.; Kincaid, Arnold, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Grigg, John, M. D., Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

Ranlo Baptist Church:—Mitchem, Miss Lottie, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

Flint-Groves Baptist Church:—Warren, Ostell, Mars Hill Col-

lege, Mars Hill, N. C.; Stowe, Miss Fannie, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.

South Marietta Street Baptist Church:—Hurley, Miss Catherine, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

Calvary Baptist Church:—Miss Hazel Smith, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Ray, Marley, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C.

Dallas Church:—James Summey, N. C. State, Raleigh, N. C.; Leon Rhyne, U. N. C., Chapel Hill; Raymond Lineberger, Mars Hill, Mars Hill, N. C.; James Lewis, Mars Hill, Mars Hill, N. C.; Miss Tressie Ellis, Mars Hill, Mars Hill, N. C.; Miss Ollie Rey, Appalachian Normal School, Boone, N. C.; Miss Wilma Little, Applalachian Normal School Boone, N. C.

Mt. Holly Church:—E. N. C. Andrews, Eastern Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. U. Stroup, Jr., Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Mary Ware, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Mary Pratt, So. College, Greensboro, N. C.; Virginia Strong, N. C. C. W., Greensboro, N. C.; Caswell Taylor, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.

On motion to adopt the report the question is ably discussed by W. C. Barrett, Dr. M. E. Dodd and the report is adopted.

W. B. McClure reads the report on:

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

Our Baptist people of North Carolina have always manifested the deepest interest in the welfare of helpless and dependent children. The Orphanage occupies a high and honorable place in their associational and convention programs. It is never sidetracked or ignored in our general meetings.

From the beginning of its history more than forty years ago, it has been a cherished object in our church life, and its grip on the hearts of our people grows with the passing years. From a trickling stream it has become a broad, deep river requiring a vast outlay to meet the necessities of its ever widening work.

Five hundred and eighty-seven children, including those at the Kennedy Home, were enrolled in the Orphanage in the last report. Besides directly under the care of the institution there are 373 being assisted under the "Mother's Aid" plan. The first families aided under this plan was in the year 1920; since then help has been given to 550 children. The per capita cost of aiding these

children is $5.22 per month, while the cost of maintaining those at the Orphanage, including everything, is $24.92 per capita per month.

The Orphanage school has eleven grades running from the kindergarten up. Above the nursery age all the boys and girls have duties—one half the day being devoted to school and the other half to domestic, field and mechanical work. A well organized church, with an active and consecrated young pastor, furnishes a fine opportunity for the development of the moral and religious life of the community. Cultivation of the missionary spirit in Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., Missionary Society, Sunbeam Bands and other agencies is especially emphasized.

Since the fervor of the 75 million campaign has passed contributions to the current fund have fallen off, last year's receipts being $30,000 less than the year before. The treasurer has been compelled to pay interest on borrowed money for the past two years.

We urge our Sunday schools to increase their monthly collections, and our churches to enlarge the Thanksgiving offerings; that every Sunday school take Charity and Children on the club plan, and that all our people give one day's income to the institution or a special thank offering.

W. B. McCLURE.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by E. Norfleet Gardner, a representatives from Thomasville Orphanage and it is adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following chairmen to write reports for next year:

Religious Literature—C. A. Caldwell.
Woman's Work—President W. M. U.
B. Y. P. U.—Director B. Y. P. U.
Sunday Schools—R. S. Lewis.
Morals and Temperance—J. M. Trogdon.
State Missions—J. L. Teague.
Home Missions—L. L. Jessup.
Foreign Missions—Dr. E. V. Hudson.
Christian Education—J. W. Whitley.
Orphanage—R. G. Short.
Ministerial Relief—W. B. McClure.

Hospitals—J. D. Fulbright.

Obituaries—W. W. Rimmer.

J. D. Huggins reads the report on:

BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Kings Mountain, Sandy Run and Gaston County Baptist Associations:

Your school closed its 19th year on April 21st, 1926. The total enrollment for last year was two hundred and twenty-four. This was forty-eight less than was the enrollment for year before last. At the date of the associational meeting last year, the school had enrolled 211. This year, to date, it has enrolled 100. This is thirty-nine less than was the enrollment at the same date last year. The loss in enrollment has been confined almost entirely to the eighth and ninth grades. The first two years of high school work.

During the nineteen years of its history, four hundred and ninety-five young men and women have been graduated and approximately five thousand students have enrolled and been benefitted by its work.

The four Literary Societies have enrolled the entire student body. The spirit of the B. Y. P. U. dominates the life of the institution.

There are now eighteen ministerial students, seven volunteers and one hundred and nineteen enrolled in the Bible department.

As the State Educational Board is so heavily in debt that it is not possible for them to materially aid the school, it is earnestly hoped that the three associations will take care of the tuition of the ministerial students and the volunteer girls.

Trustees: The terms of the following trustees expire at this time and their successors will be elected, to-wit: Kings Mountain: Rev. J. W. Suttle, A. E. Bettis, W. W. Washburn and D. F. Hord; Sandy Run: A. I. Jolley, T. M. Holland, M. M. Greene, Rev. C. C. Matheney and P. C. Hawkins; Gaston County: Rev. J. W. Whitley and R. S. Lewis.

In view of the fact that the enrollment of the lower classes is being materially decreased by the phenomenal growth of the state high school system and especially due to the fact that there seems to be a very great demand in this section for a junior college in which the graduates from the surrounding high schools may secure two years' college work, your board passed at its last meeting the

following resolutions: Resolved that this board recommends to the associations that this school become a junior college the next scholastic year.

Finance: The Bursar submits the following financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1926, to-wit:

Amount charged	$30,852.65
Sources of Income:	
Tuition and fees	26,611.17
Old accounts	1,660.64
Notes receivable	3,083.91
Ministerial tuition by individuals and churches	644.85
Baptist Educational Board, note	500.00
Money borrowed	3,851.28
Total	$36,351.85
Bank balance June 30th, 1925	1.32
Expenditures:	
Plan operation	$34,541.58
Improvements	1,807.19
Bank balance June 30th, 1926	4.40
Total	$36,353.17
Liabilities:	
Notes Payable	$ 1,983.88
Acounts Payable	1,292.16
Total	$ 3,266.04
Assets:	
Notes receivable	$ 1,786.16
Accounts receivable	2,348.29
Store room	250.00
Coal and wood	100.00
Sanitary supplies	25.00
Pledges to ministerial aid	455.15
Total	$ 4,964.60

Respectfully submitted, this the 5th day of October, 1926.

J. D. HUGGINS,
For the Board of Trustees.

On motion to adopt the report it is discussed by J. D. Huggins, Principal Boiling Springs High School, and the report is adopted.

J. J. Beach offers the following:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that the Gaston County Baptist Association endorse the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs High School that this school be advanced to a Junior College at the beginning of session of 1927-1928.

That inasmuch as a committee from the Trustees have been before the Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention and presented this matter, and a committee has been appointed by this Board to confer with committees from the three associations, controlling this school, and that the other associations have appointed a committee of five to confer about the matter.

That this association appoint a similar committee of five to confer with the others, with power to act.

J. J. BEACH.

On motion it is adopted.

The following pledges are made for the payment of the tuition of Ministerial Students of Boiling Springs High School:

Cherryville Church	$ 45.00
Loray Church	45.00
Lowell Church	22.50
Mt. Bulah S. S. (Bessemer City)	22.50
East Gaston S. S.	22.50
Flint-Groves Bible Class	10.00
Flint-Groves S. S.	10.00
R. S. Lewis' Class, Dallas	22.50
W. T. Bowen's Class, Dallas	10.00
W. J. Frances' Class, Belmont	10.00
L. C. McDowell, Cherrville	5.00
W. B. McLurd	45.00
Rev. J. L. Teague, Bessemer City	5.00
J. H. Boggs, Hickory	5.00
Temple Baptist Church, Gastonia	5.00
J. P. Thomas, Gastonia	45.00
	$330.00

J. J. Beach for M. A. Stroup reads the following report on:

SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

Mathew A. Stroup, for the committee appointed to assist in the

collection of funds belonging to the Gaston County Association, reports as follows:

That since the appointment of the committee in this connection, $2,235.00 has been collected, and delivered to Chair of Bible Endowment Fund of Boiling Springs High School as directed by the Gaston County Association.

The Committee further reports that those still owing notes and mortgages to the South Fork Association and Gaston County Association have promised to settle the balance out of the proceeds of the taxes of 1926. Your committee finds that the balance of the money due is from the Maiden Schools and that up until this time they have been unable to raise sufficient funds with which to discharge this indebtedness and are now delinquent in the payment of the interest for the past year.

In case the committee is continued in connection with this balance, and those owing fail to pay, unless otherwise instructed by the association, some action wil be instituted against those still owing this money.

MATTHEW A. STROUP,
For the Committee.

On motion the report is received as information.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to act with a like committee from the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Association in regard to the Curriculum of Boiling Springs High School and with reference to making the school a Junior College: J. J. Beach, Chairman; R. G. Mace, W. T. Baucom, Ed. Biggerstaff and J. W. Whitley.

W. J. Francis offers the following:

RESOLUTION.

In view of the imperative need for Baptist boys and girls to be trained in Baptist principles; and, in view of the fact that state schools do not, and can not give such instruction; and, since there are so many Baptist boys and girls who desire an education, but have not the means with which to attend high school or college; and, in view of the fact that many times, with just a little help and encouragement, they would be enabled to realize their ambition; and, in view of the fact that many people are willing to contribute a small sum to help such boys and girls through school;

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we organize, in this Association, a loan fund to be

known as "The Gaston County Baptist Loan Fund," to be used in helping Baptist boys and girls through school.

Second, That this fund shall not be permitted to interfere in any way with contributions to any object fostered by the State Convention or by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Third, That loan from this fund shall be made only to those who are in attendance upon Baptist high schools or colleges.

Fourth, That this Association shall elect at each annual session, a secretary whose duty shall be to collect funds for this purpose and who shall report to each session of the association the amounts received and loaned during the year last preceding.

Fifth, That this Association shall appoint at each annual session a committee of three who shall carefully investigate and pass upon all applications for loans from this fund and shall make their recommendations to the secretary, who shall make loans only as directed by this committee.

Sixth, That all loans shall be secured by a negotiable note bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum and payable at such time as the committee and secretary shall deem expedient.

Seventh, That so far as possible, the secretary shall allow no funds to remain idle but shall keep all funds in his possession drawing interest on savings deposit or on safe and readily collectable notes.

Eighth, That the accounts of the secretary shall be audited by a competent auditor once every year and his report for preceding year be read at each annual session of the Association.

Ninth, That when this Association shall deem wise, the secretary of this fund shall be required to furnish bond in an amount equal to the sum on hand at the time of his induction into office, plus the amount due and collectable during his incumbency, the Association to defray all expenses incident to the making of bond.

W. J. FRANCIS.

On motion it is adopted. Following the adoption of this resolution the Association elects W. J. Francis, as Secretary of the said committee, and the other members, J. P. Thomas, M. O. Thornburg and R. G. Mace.

W. G. Camp reads the following report of:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion, through its relief fund and its annuity fund, is grappling with a great and growing problem of providing for ministers, their widows and dependent orphans in the best possible way. This Board is located in Dallas, Texas, and has made rapid progress in the work committed to it and there is a growing appreciation of its work on the part of the brotherhood throughout the South.

The Relief Fund

The permanent relief fund is still under $600,000.00 and the relief beneficiaries are receiving on an average less than $150.00 per year. To provide properly for nearly 1200 beneficiaries of this fund, the Board must have a very much larger income. Still the amount that we now distribute to aged and infirm ministers is bringing peace of mind and a degree of comfort to these denominational wards that is justifiably gratifying.

The Annuity Fund

Members of the annuity fund who have reached their sixty-eighth birthday or who have become permanently disabled, are receiving the maximum amount promised in the membership certificate, namely $500.00 per year.

Increased Provision Planned

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention, which met in Houston, Texas, in May last, in adopting the New Service Annuity Plan, as recommended by the special Laymen's Committee and by The Relief and Annuity Board itself, has been hailed with great satisfaction by thousands of our ministers and by the brotherhood generally. The provisions of this plan mark a distinct advance in the work of Ministerial Relief and the carrying out of these provisions will give to every participating minister, the wisdom and dependent orphans of participating ministers, within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, a support worthy of our great denomination, when they shall come to require it by reason of age, physical disability or dependency.

Some of the Provisions of the New Service Plan

Some of the outstanding features of the New Service Plan are as follows:

1. An age annuity available at sixty-five for every active minister. This plan builds to a retirement annuity of approximately 50 per cent of the average salary on a basis of thirty-five years of service, i. e., on a basis of an average salary of $2,400.00 there will be eventually given an annuity of $1,200.00 and so on. There will be guaranteed to every active minister participating in this

plan, a minimum of 50 per cent of his average salary up to $600.00. Three-fifths of the retirement annuity will be continued to the widow.

2. Total and permanent disability prior to the age of sixty-five will entitle the participant to an annuity amounting to 40 per cent of his average annual salary, during the five years preceding disability.

3. There will be a death benefit to the widow, after the first year of membership, amounting to 75 per cent of the current year's salary of the ministers, but not to exceed $1,000.00.

4. Minor children of disabled ministers will participate in this plan to receive $100.00 a year each, up to age eighteen with certain educational allowances up to age of twenty-one.

For details concerning the New Service Annuity Plan, ministers or others interested should write The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1226 Athletic Club Building, Dallas, Texas, and illuminating literature will be sent promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. CAMP.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by W. G. Camp and it is adopted.

L. L. Jessup reports for the committee and recommends the appointment of the following Executive Committee: W. J. Francis, Chairman; J. J. Beach, E. V. Hudson, J. W. Whitley, W. C. Barrett, R. G. Mace and R. S. Lewis.

W. T. Baucom for W. J. Francis reads the following report on:

HEBRON CHURCH.

The committee appointed by the Association at its meeting with the Alexis church to consider the revival of Hebron Church at Mountain Island met in the above mentioned church on Nov. 15 at 2:30 P. M., 1925. The following members of this church met with the committee: Brethren C. T. Thomas and C. P. Hendrix, and Sisters Mrs. C. T. Thomas, Mrs. C. T. Hendrix, Mrs. Lizzie Stowe.

On motion of Rev. W. C. Barrett the six members were asked to sit with and vote along with the committee.

The following were elected trustees of the property of Hebron

church: Brethren C. T. Thomas and C. P. Hendrix. Bro. C. T. Thomas was elected clerk and treasurer for the church.

Brother W. J. Francis, the chairman of this committee, was appointed to look after supplying the pulpit of Hebron church until the committee could more fully study the situation and determine on the advisiability of reviving this church.

W. J. FRANCIS, Moderator.
W. T. BAUCOM, Secretary.

On motion it is adopted.

W. L. Walters offers the following:

RESOLUTION.

That the Association extends to the Flint-Groves Baptist Church and its officers and friends its grateful thanks and appreciation for the splendid manner in which it has entertained this body and bountiful manner in feeding the people.

On motion it is adopted by unanimous rising vote.

R. G. Mace for the Committee on Order of Business reads the following Order for next year:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

9:30—Devotional.
9:45—Enrollment.
10:00—Organization.
10:15—Religious Literature.
10:45—Miscellaneous.
11:00—Associational Sermon, J. J. Beach.
12:00—Dinner.

Tuesday Afternoon

1:15—Devotional .
1:30—Woman's Work.
2:00—B. Y. P. U.
2:30—Sunday Schols.
3:00—Orphanage.
3:30—Ministerial Relief.
4:00—Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

Tuesday Evening

7:00—Devotional.
7:15—Public Morals.
7:45—Doctrinal Sermon, J. W. Whitley.

Wednesday Morning

9:15—Devotional.

9:30—State Missions.
10:00—Home Missions.
10:30—Foreign Missions.
11:00—Education.
12:00—Dinner.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:00—Devotional.
1:15—Ministerial Relief.
1:30—Hospitals.
2:00—Boiling Springs (Trustees).
2:30—Boiling Springs (Ministerial Students).
2:45—Treasurers Report.
2:50—Report of Executive Committee.
3:00—Obituaries.
3:15—Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

R. G. MACE, Chairman
J. J. BEACH,
C. A. CALDWELL.

On motion it is adopted.

The Association adjourns at 4:10 P. M.

Benediction by M. L. Barnes.

W. J. FRANCIS, Moderator.
DAVID P. DELLINGER Clerk.

Constitution

Name

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "The Gaston County Baptist Association.

Object

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the gospel (as we hold it) to the people within the bounds of the Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, pastors of the churches in the Association, and Messengers from the churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof over and above 200 members and also one additional messenger for every five thousand dollars or fraction thereof, contributed to the causes of the two conventions.

Officers

Article 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, a Treasurer and a Clerk, all of whom shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall correspond to the duties of the same officers in like organizations, or as defined by the Association from time to time.

Boards and Committees

Article 5. The Association shall elect an Executive Committee each year whose duties shall be to look after having the gospel preached in all parts of the Association, and to attend to all business of the Association between the sessions, and to make such reports as they deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Association. The Association may appoint or elect such other Boards

or Committees from time to time as circumstances may require.

Time of Meeting

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually, on Tuesday after the Third Sunday in October. The Moderator may at the request of the Executive Committee change the time or the place of meeting of this Association when it may be deemed by him not expedient to meet at the time or place appointed.

Vacancies

Article 7. The Moderator in concurrence with the Executive Committee may fill any vacancy occurring between meetings of the Association.

Amendments

Article 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the number enrolled on the first day of the Association.

ADDENDA

Mailing Church Letters

The Association requires that the Clerks of the several churches prepare and mail to the Clerk of the Association all Letters to the Association at least ten (10) days before the annual meeting.

Further, that the Associational Year close on the 30th day of September each year.

Therefore, no collections made, members received or business done on or after October 1st, should be included in the previous year's report. It is most important that this rule be observed for uniformity of the facts and statistics.

Fund For Minutes and Printing

The Fund for Minutes and Printing should be sent with the Letter to avoid delay in the printing and delivery of the Minutes.

HISTORICAL

	Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1	1919	Gastonia First		H. B. Moore	David P. Dellinger
2	1920	Long Creek Memorial	D. F. Putnam	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
3	1921	Cherryville	T. H. King	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
4	1922	Cramerton	T. M. Kester	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
5	1923	Loray, Gastonia	E. C. Andrews	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
6	1924	Mount Zion	J. O. Fulbright	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
7	1925	Alexis	W. T. Baucom	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
8	1926	Flint-Groves	O. W. Triplett	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger

TRUSTEES BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Term Expires 1927

W. C. Barrett, Gastonia.
W. L. Walters, Gastonia

Term Expires 1928

D. P. Stowe, Belmont
N. B. Kendrick, Cherryville

Term Expires 1929

R. F. Craig, Stanley
W. J. Francis, Belmont

Term Expires 1930

A. U. Stroup, Mount Holly.
J. J. Beach, Cherryville.

Term Expires 1931

J. W. Whitley, Gastonia.
R. S. Lewis, Dallas

Principal Boiling Springs High School—J. D. Huggins, Boiling Springs, N. C.

President Woman's Missionary Union—Mrs. W. J. Fracis, Belmont, N. C.

Director Baptist Young People's Union—J. P. Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.

Delegates Baptist State Convention—A. U. Stroup, Mount Holly, N. C.; R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.; J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.

Delegates Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.

Member State Mission Board—W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C.

Membership and Church Property of Gaston Co

	CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFF
1.	Alexis	R. G. Short, Cherryville	C. L. Abernethy, Alexis
2.	Belmont, East	R. G. Mace, Belmont	K. E. Simmons, Belmont
3.	Belmont, First	S. R. Bass, Belmont	W. H. Stowe, Belmont
4.	Bessemer City	J. L. Teague, Bessemer City	J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City
5.	Bruington	O. W. Triplett, Stanley	A. C. Taylor, Stanley
6.	Center View	A. R. Holland, N. Belmont	E. S. Auten Belmont
7.	Cherryville	J. J. Beach, Cherryville	David P. Dellinger, Cherryvi
8.	Cramerton	E. V. Hudson, Cramerton	W. R. Bridgeman, Cramerton
9.	Dallas	W. T. Baucom, Dallas	R. E. Cooke, Dallas
10.	(a) Eagle Grove	R. T. Gladden Cramerton	J. F. Lawing, Belmont
11.	Flint-Groves	M. L. Barnes, Ranlo, Gastonia	A. L. Cline, East Gastonia
12.	Calvary, Gastonia	J. M. Trogdon, South Gastonia	W. A. Marley, South Gastoni
13.	East Gastonia	J. O. Fulbright, Gastonia	M. T. Sanders, Gastonia
14.	First, Gastonia	W. C. Barrett, Gastonia	H. O. Eisenhower, Gastonia
15.	Loray, Gastonia	J. W. Whitley, Gastonia	L. J. Waldrop, Gastonia
16.	So. Marietta, Gastonia	P. A. Underwood, Gastonia	D. B. Stroup, No. 3 Gastonia
17.	Temple, Gastonia	W. Arthur Hoffman, Sta. 1, Gastonia	Otto Perry, No. 4, Gastonia
18.	Hardin	C. A. Abernethy, No. 1, Dallas	Justus J. Friday, No. 1, Dalla
19.	Hickory Grove	W. B. McClure, Alexis	Geo. R. Abernethy, No. 2, Lo
20.	High Shoals	Albert Campbell, Lincolnton	Irven Goodson, High Shoals
21.	Hull's Grove	C. M. Robinson, Catawba	Mrs. Bryan Hull, No. 3, Che
22.	Long Creek Memorial	W. W. Rimmer, Dallas	A. R. Holland Dallas
23.	Lowell	L. L. Jessup, Lowell	R. E. Wyatt, Lowell
24.	(a) Lucia		
25.	McAdenville	C. A. Caldwell, McAdenville	Lee Dagenhardt, McAdenville
26.	Mount Beulah	W. G. Camp, Cherryville	M. L. Black, Bessemer City
27.	Mount Holly	E. C. Andrews, Mount Holly	B. F. Usher, Mt. Holly
28.	(a) West Mount Holly		
29.	Mount Zion	W. L. Walters, Gastonia	A. L. Putnam, Cherryville
30.	Ranlo	M. L. Barnes Ranlo, Gastonia	W. M. McPherson, Ranlo, Ga
31.	Sandy Plaines	W. W. Rimmer, Dallas	W. E. Barnes, No. 1, Lowell
32.	Shady Grove	W. G. Camp, Cherryville	D. R. Stroup, Cherryville
33.	Spencer Mountain	R. G. Short, Cherryville	Willie Paysour No. 2, Lowel
34.	Tuckaseege	B. H. Lockridge, Lincolnton	J. A. Grice, Mt. Holly
35.	Bethel	H. W. Baucom, Gastonia	
	Totals		

(a) No Report—Former Report Used. * Every Sunday.

ation, For Year Ending September 30, 1926

Local Poor	Minute Fund, etc.	Other Objects	Home Total	Cooperative Program (Undesignated)	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State and Associational Missions	Christian Education	Orphanage	Hospitals	Ministerial Relief	Denominational Total	Grand Total
$ ------	$ 5.16	$ ------	$ 580.61	$ 75.30	$ 55.55	$ -----	$ -----	$ -----	$ ------	$ -----	$----	$ 130.80	$ 711.40
19.00	11.31	-------	4,284.39	884.44	191.13	43.13	32.01	12.90	370.81	------	----	1,534.42	5,818.81
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30.00	8.00	-------	6,136.57	89.10	47.95	20.80	47.45	3.65	17.00	11.25	----	237.20	6,373.77
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58.90	2.25	-------	6,964.26	-------	------	32.89	------	------	60.00	------	----	92.89	7,057.15
28.50	14.13	40.80	6,495.52	740 03	319.50	119.30	152.10	51.00	202.47	13.00	----	1,597.40	8,092.92
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268.00	7.00	100.70	5,127.89	93.40	------	------	------	------	239.26	------	----	332.66	5,460.55
27.00	10.50	2,460.75	5,414.94	93.34	------	------	------	------	------	------	----	93.34	5,508.28
------	15.00	925.82	5,369.37	198.95	254.35	293.63	189.05	32.52	------	17.65	----	986.15	6,355.52
538.02	21.00	2,334.87	26 106.07	7,071.99	1,311.90	------	------	95.00	296.05	------	----	8,774.94	34,881.01
116.15	10.00	278.39	12,527.63	-------	30.60	------	------	137.52	673.98	68.70	----	910.80	13,438.43
-------	5.00	-------	4,705.20	260.00	------	------	------	5.00	120.00	10.00	----	395.00	5,100.20
5.00	------	-------	818.20	-------	------	------	------	------	------	------	----	-------	818.20
30.00	3.00	25.00	668.00	100.00	------	------	------	------	------	------	----	100.00	768.00
-------	5.00	-------	769.77	152.76	------	------	------	------	------	------	----	152.76	922.53
-------	2.00	-------	450.68	7.55	5.75	------	5.75	------	------	------	----	19.05	469.73
26.65	3.00	-------	476.75	-------	15.00	------	13.15	------	------	4.50	----	32.65	509.40
-------	3.00	170.00	3,000.73	65.37	35.00	------	23.67	------	40.00	------	----	164.04	3,164.77
-------	6.40	-------	3,409.67	335.08	------	------	------	100.00	------	27.72	----	462.80	3,872.44
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70.28	10.00	45.00	3,474.03	528.35	308.50	145.00	77.22	------	117.15	112.60	81.75	1,370.57	4,844.60
-------	4.50	-------	614.87	7.50	47.25	24.80	4.75	3.85	25.00	11.35	6.25	130.75	745.62
23.41	6.00	20.75	16,274.08	-------	------	------	------	------	74.50	------	----	74.50	16,348.58
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20.00	6.50	21.95	1,199.78	43.90	8.00	------	------	------	13.00	------	----	64.70	1,264.68
60.00	5.00	372.50	5,594.76	193.75	------	------	------	------	50.00	------	----	243.75	5,838.51
15.00	2.60	-------	581.58	-------	13.00	------	57.95	------	------	------	----	70.95	652.53
-------	4.30	4.30	531.78	-------	22.15	------	------	------	38.35	11.80	7.55	91.55	623.33
-------	3.00	-------	696.45	95.25	4.76	------	53.70	------	------	------	----	153.71	850.16
12.00	2.82	-------	297.60	-------	------	------	------	------	------	------	----	-------	297.60
$1,346.51	$200.72	$8 834.04	$134 605.47	$13,641.16	$2,797.74	$679.55	$656.80	$649.78	$2,468.89	$297.07	95.55	$21,298.69	$155,776.70

Sunday Schools of Gaston Cou

	CHURCH	Is it a Village, Town, City or Country Church?	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES	SE
1.	Alexis	Village	T. W. Garrison, Alexis	A.
2.	Belmont, East	Town	J. B. Brown, Belmont	C.
3.	Belmont, First	Town	D. P. Stowe, Belmont	T.
4.	Bessemer City	Town	John H. Floyd, Bessemer City	D.
5.	Bruington	Town	F. G. Dawkins, Stanley	Joh
6.	Center View	Village	C. C. Holtzclaw, Belmont	Nel
7.	Cherryville	Town	J. T. Allen, Cherryville	Ste
8.	Cramerton	Town	R. L. Leeper, Cramerton	F.
9.	Dallas	Town	P. D. Summey, Dallas	Mis
10.	(a) Eagle Grove	Town	Frank Ingle, Belmont	J.
11.	Flint-Groves	Village	J. L. Price, East Gastonia	M.
12.	Calvary, Gastonia	Village	H. E. Lane, South Gastonia	Mrs
13.	East Gastonia	City	G. C. Moss, Gastonia	D.
14.	First, Gastonia	City	M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia	W.
15.	Loray, Gastonia	City	W. Lee Smith, Gastonia	Pau
16.	So. Marietta, Gastonia	City	J. M. Kincaid, Gastonia	J.
17.	Temple, Gastonia	City	S. B. Laws, No. 4, Gastonia	Joe
18.	Hardin	Village	Justus J. Friday, No. 1, Dallas	Hol
19.	Hickory Grove	Country	L. M. Flowers, No. 2, Mount Holly	Jan
20.	High Shoals	Village	J. F. Hawkins, High Shoals	O.
21.	Hull's Grove	Country	Bergin Hull, No. 2, Vale	Zel
22.	Long Creek Memorial	Country	T. S. Summey, Dallas	Her
23.	Lowell	Town	A. E. Clemmer, Lowell	Rob
24.	(a) Lucia	Country		
25.	McAdenville	Town	Labe Abernethy, McAdenville	Ed
26.	Mount Beulah	Country	E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City	B.
27.	Mount Holly	Town	O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly	J.
28.	(a) West Mount Holly	Town		
29.	Mount Zion	Country	A. L. Putnam, Cherryville	Vir
30.	Ranlo	Village	Will Noblett, Ranlo, Gastonia	Lut
31.	Sandy Plaines	Country	W. E. Barnes, No. 1, Dallas	J.
32.	Shady Grove	Country	B. H. Roberts, Cherryville	Dai
33.	Spencer Mountain	Village	M. R. Thomas, Lowell	B.
34.	Tuckaseege	Village	G. H. Blankenship, Mt. Holly	Pau
	Totals			

(a) No Report—Former Report Used.

t Association, For Year Ending September 30, 1926

PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS OF WOMAN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND POSTOFFICES	Number of Woman's Missionary Societies	Number of Y.W.A.'s	Number of G.A.'s	Number of R.A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W.M.U. Organizations	Enrolled in the W.M.S.	Enrolled in the Y.W.A.'s	Enrolled in the G.A.'s	Enrolled in the R.A.'s	Enrolled in the Sunbeams	Total Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions and Benevolences	Total Gifts All Purposes
Miss Mamie Rhyne No. 2, Dallas	1					1	13					13		$ 24.10	$ 80.19	$ 104.29
Mrs. B. T. Bumgardner, Belmont	1		1			2	22		25			47	10	980.00	194.11	1,174.11
Mrs. C. S. Kennedy, Belmont	1				1	2	20				26	46	29		456.85	456.85
Mrs. J. L. Teague, Bessemer City	1	1	1	1	1	5	34	8	7	7	12	68		241.20	121.00	362.20
Mrs. S. A. Stroup, Stanley	1		1		1	3	14		19		23	56	17		153.80	153.80
Mrs. Walter Medlin, Mt. Holly	1					1	25					25		17.70	5.00	22.70
Mrs. J. J. Beach, Cherryville	1					1	37					37			692.55	692.55
Miss Sherrill, Cramerton	2	1			1	4	23	15			34	72		182.61	227.13	409.74
Mrs. J. W. Summey, Dallas	1					1	18					18	12	42.00	178.58	220.58
Mrs. A. L. Cline, East Gastonia	1	1	1		1	4	12	19	15		20	66		525.03	52.25	577.58
Mrs. J. M. Taylor, So. Gastonia	1					1	10					10		348.00	93.34	441.34
Mrs. J. O. Fulbright Gastonia					1	1					24	24			242.70	242.70
Mrs. W. C. Barrett, Gastonia	1	1	2	1	1	6	132	19	23	6	36	216		2,458.88	56.00	2,514.88
Mrs. D. A. Grigg, Gastonia	1		1			2	50		25			75		64.50	177.04	241.54
Mrs. L. O. Bunton, Gastonia	1	1	1	1	1	5	40	15	12	12	24	103	12	56.00	140.00	196.00
	1					1	11					11				
Mrs. J. J. Waldrop, Vale	1				1	2	10				20	30			32.65	32.65
Mrs. F. M. Paysour, Dallas	1					1	22					22		15.00	45.90	60.90
Mrs. P. A. Rhyne, Lowell	1				1	2	23				22	45	10	105.37		105.37
Miss Rosie Branch, McAdenville	1	1				2										
	1					1	10					10		4.00	22.20	26.20
Mrs. N. E. Batchelor, Mt. Holly	1				1	2	17				15	32		1,385.10		1,385.10
Mrs. M. L. Barnes, Ranlo, Gastonia	1	1	1		1	4	21	20	19		20	80		125.00	193.75	318.75
Mrs. Nevil Mauney Bessemer City	1					1	12					12				
Mrs. J. C. Millen, No. 2, Gastonia	1					1	20					20			42.14	42.14
Mrs. J. L. Thomas, Mt. Holly	1					1										
	26	7	9	3	12	55	596	96	145	25	276	1138	90	$6,574.79	$3,207.18	$9 781.97

Donated by R. G. Mace, Belmont, N.C

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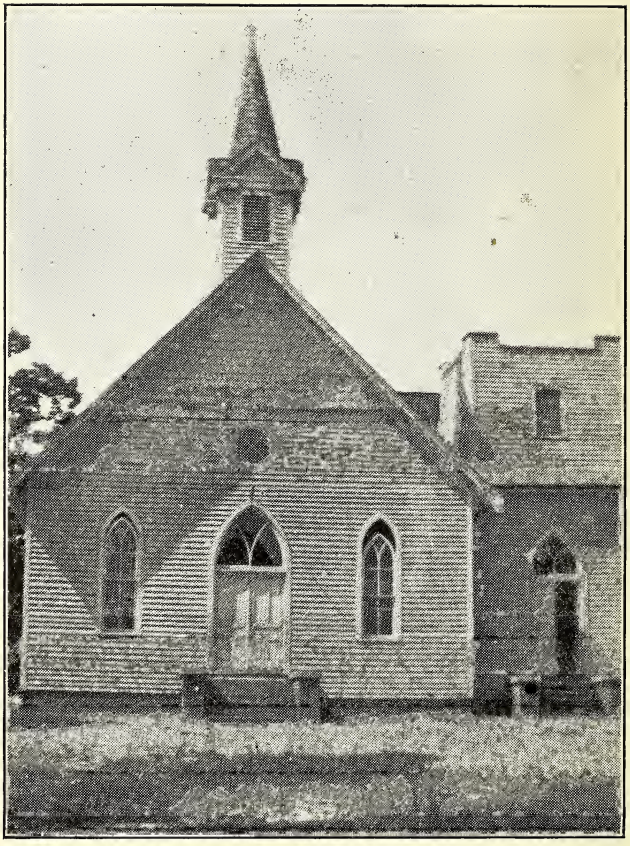

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W. J. Francis, Moderator ..... Belmont, N. C.
R. S. Lewis, Vice-Moderator ..... Dallas, N. C.
David P. Dellinger, Clerk ..... Cherryville, N. C.
David P. Dellinger, Treasurer ..... Cherryville, N. C.

Executive Committee

W. J. Francis ..... Belmont, N. C.
J. J. Beach ..... Cherryville, N. C.
J. W. Whitley ..... Gastonia, N. C.
W. C. Barrett ..... Gastonia, N. C.
E. V. Hudson ..... Cramerton, N. C.
R. G. Mace ..... Belmont, N. C.
R. S. Lewis ..... Dallas, N. C.

Chairmen of Committees to Report in 1928

Religious Literature—J. L. Teague, Bessemer City, N. C.
Woman's Work—Mrs. W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.
B. Y. P. U.—J. H. Fagan, Gastonia, N. C.
Sunday Schools—Dr. E. V. Hudson, Cramerton, N. C.
Orphanage—S. P. Barber, Gastonia, N. C.
Ministerial Relief—W. A. Hoffman, Gastonia, N. C.
Public Morals—L. L. Jessup, Lowell, N. C.
State Missions—W. T. Baucom, Dallas, N. C.
Home Missions—T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia, N. C.
Foreign Missions—Dr. J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.
Education—J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.
Hospitals—R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.
Obituaries—W. B. McClure, Alexis, N. C.
Order of Business—R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.
Stewardship—(To be supplied).

ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARIES

President B. Y. P. U. Convention.—J. H. Fagan, Gastonia, N. C.

President W. M. U.—Mrs. W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Member State Mission Board—Dr. W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C.

Delegates Baptist State Convention—J. P. Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.; R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.; J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.

Delegate Southern Baptist Convention.—Dr. J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.

Associational Institutions

Boiling Springs High School

J. D. Huggins, Principal_____Boiling Springs, N. C.

Trustees

J. H. Quinn, Chairman,_____Shelby, N. C.

Term Expires 1928

D. P. Stowe, Belmont, N. C.
N. B. Kendrick, Cherryville, N. C.

Term Expires 1929

R. F. Craig, Stanley, N. C.
W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Term Expires 1930

A. U. Stroupe, Mount Holly, N. C.
J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.

Term Expires 1931

J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.
R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.

Terms Expires 1932

W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C.
W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

THE GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST LOAN FUND

Executive Secretary—W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Loan Committee—J. P. Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.; M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia, N. C.; R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.

Associational Missionary or Other Paid Employee—None.

Standing Committee—None.

Representative of Laymen's Movement—None.

The Auxiliary Meetings—The Association has no W. M. U. Auxiliary, Sunday School Convention, B. Y. P. U. or Laymen's Convention which meets at the same time or during sessions of the Association.

MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4-12.

(Adopted at the Organization of the Association November 4, 1919).

List of Messengers
1927 SESSION

ALEXIS—C. W. Shelton, W. F. Huffins, Viola Abernethy, Kenneth McAlister, A. L. McAlister, J. M. Ballard, Mrs. E. C. Rhyne, E. C. Rhyne.

BELMONT EAST—R. G. Mace, C. G. Rumfelt, Mrs. A. J. Jenkins.

BELMONT FIRST—S. R. Bass, W. J. Francis, T. O. Crowell, D. P. Stowe.

BESSEMER CITY—T. L. Teague, Carl Harris, Mrs. E. C. Sisk.

BETHEL—Not represented.

BRUINGTON—O. W. Triplett, F. D. Lowe, S. A. Stroup, Erwin Mauney, Mrs. Frank H. Morris.

CENTER VIEW—N. T. Lancaster, P. M. Smith, J. H. Walk, A. G. Lee.

CHERRYVILLE—J. J. Beach, H. H. Allen, David P. Dellinger, B. H. Roberts, R. B. Hicks, Mrs. J. J. Beach, Lela Robinson, Lillie Williams.

CRAMERTON—Dr. E. V. Hudson, R. L. Stark, D. M. Ballard.

DALLAS—W. T. Baucom, Mrs. F. H. Robinson, R. S. Lewis.

FLINT-GROVES—A. A. Haggard, A. L. Cline, T. S. Clark, E. G. Ledford, S. A. Fort, O. H. Pope, Otto Evans, Charlie Sanford, Fannie Stowe.

GASTONIA CALVARY—J. M. Trogdon, V. M. Shepherd, Mrs. V. M. Shepherd.

GASTONIA EAST—T. L. Cashwell, M. T. Saunders, Jr., J. W. Stewart, G. C. Moss, Lena Huggins.

GASTONIA FIRST—Dr. W. C. Barrett, R. J. Dellinger, Owen W. Moran, Emery B. Denny, F. E. Saunders.

GASTONIA LORAY—Dr. J. W. Whitley, L. J. Waldrop, J. C. Smith, W. L. Walters, J. P. Thomas.

GASTONIA SO. MARIETTA—J. H. Fagan, D. B. Stroup.

GASTONIA TEMPLE—W. Arthur Hoffman.

HARDIN—C. A. Abernethy.

HICKORY GROVE—W. B. McClure, H. C. Murphy, T. A. Lineberger, L. N. Flowers, J. T. Lackey.

HIGH SHOALS—C. P. Abernethy, J. P. Horne.

HULL'S GROVE—C. M. Robinson.

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL—W. W. Rimmer, T. S. Summey, Arthur Jenkins, L. A. Holland, M. P. Rhyne.

LOWELL—L. L. Jessup, A. R. Sanford, Mrs. L. L. Jessup, J. P. Kimbro, Mrs. R. L. Helderman, J. L. Hoffman.

McADENVILLE—C. A. Caldwell, Will Rankin, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Miss Irene Jenkins, Mrs. Veda Bailey, John W. Rankin, Mrs. O. F. Moon, Mrs. Eliza Lineberger.

MOUNT BEULAH—S. H. Farris, G. E. Brooks.

MOUNT HOLLY—Fred A. Burns, W. W. Skidmore, T. C. Patterson, J. B. Payne.

MOUNT ZION—S. S. Wacaster, Everett, Stroup, B. G. Carpenter, W. C. Houser.

RANLO—J. W. Kesterson.

SANDY PLAINS—W. E. Beaty, Mrs. W. E. Beaty.

SHADY GROVE—T. L. Mauney, F. L. Mauney, Fred Stroup.

SPENCER MOUNTAIN—J. C. Cherry, John Cloninger, M. G. Stapperd.

TUCKASEEGE—A. A. Lockee.

RIVERSIDE—M. R. Thomas, Mrs. Back Ballard, J. C. Costner.

VISITORS ENROLLED

The following visitors from other associations are recognized and enrolled as such G. P. Abernethy, of the Kings Mountain Association; Mrs. G. P. Abernethy, Mrs. Charles Austin, Joe Abernethy, Jake F. Abernethy, W. E. Bost, Mrs. Maude Borden, Mrs. J. R. Blair, Mrs. Lee Deaton, Justus J. Friday, W. O. Glover, Mrs. Tyler A. Greene, of Lakeland, Fla.; O. L. Glymph, Mrs. R. B. Hicks, R. V. Hovis, Mrs. Joe Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Holland, Mrs. L. A. Holland, Mrs. R. F. Harris, M. R. High, Mrs. M. I. Jenkins, K. L. Lineberger, Claudia Lineberger, D. S. Lee, Mrs. J. C. Millen, M. C. McKee, Mrs. A. L. McAlister, Elsie McAlister, Lizzie Nance, M. M. Parker, Mrs. R. L. Payne, Mrs. G. A. Rhyne, Mrs. J. W. Rimmer, Mrs. Grady Rumfelt, Mrs. W. W. Rimmer, Mrs. Lee Roper, Mrs. C. C. Reid, W. G. Rumfelt, T. H. Roach, S. A. Stroup, Mrs. M. C. Skidmore, Alpha Ford, Mrs. C. W. Shelton, Mrs. T. S. Summey, Mrs. M. R. Thomas, Madge Thomas, Vivian Thomas, Dr. R. T. Vann, of Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. R. B. Suggs, Mrs. W. L. Kennedy, Mrs. J. S. Darby, Mrs. R. R. Waldo, M. L. Barnes, of Cooleemee, N. C., W. A. Beatty, Mrs. D. P. Stowe, Carl E. Lowrance, J. T. Moose and wife, of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. J. L. Teague, Mrs. S. L. Smith.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

R. F. D. LOWELL, N. C.

FIRST DAY

Tuesday, October 18th, 1927, 9:30 A. M.

1. The Ninth Annual Session of the Gaston County Baptist Association convened with the Hickory Grove Baptist Church, R. F. D., Lowell, North Carolina, Tuesday, October 18th, 1927, at 9:30 A. M.

2. W. J. Francis led the Association in worship of scripture reading, using as the lesson 1 Cor. 4, and with prayer, led by Geo. P. Abernethy, of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

3. Former Moderator, W. J. Francis, called the Association to order for the transaction of business.

4. The following officers are elected to serve the ensuing year: W. J. Francis, of Belmont, N. C., Moderator; R. S. Lewis, of Dallas, N. C., Vice-Moderator; David P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, N. C., Clerk; and David P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, N. C., Treasurer.

5. T. A. Lineberger and Will Rankin are appointed Enrollment Committe and report 139 present for the first meeting.

6. The report on Religious Literature is read by C. A. Caldwell and discussed by C. A. Caldwell, R. G. Mace, J. L. Teague, J. W. Whitley, C. M. Robinson, J. J. Beach and Dr. R. T. Vann and is adopted.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

The greatest need of a democracy is intelligence. If it is not intelligent there is great danger that its energies will not be directed for the good of itself and for the need for which it exists. Witness Russia and other counties of Europe torn by bolshevism and anarchy, the very fruits of ignorance. Our Baptist churches are so many little independent democracies. If they are to be intelligently directed and thus to become mighty factors in the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord, they must be educated. They must be informed about the work of the Kingdom, otherwise we will divide into groups and factions or lie dormant without the vision and power to extend the Kingdom of God. Baptist more than any other body of Christians, are dependent upon education to propagate their belief. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Any agency therefore that will inform and inspire our people will be helpful in doing the work of the churches. The Biblical Recorder is an agency that will accomplish these results. It will bring information and inspiration to our people. It ought therefore to go into every Baptist home in the state of North Carolina in order that all our people may inform themselves on every phase of our work, for well informed Baptist will be an active Baptist.

Many churches have put the Recorder on the budget plan and are sending it into every home of their churches, a good example for us to follow. Along with the Recorder we would not forget Charity and Children, a weekly paper printed at the Orphanage and can be had in clubs of ten or more for sixty cents per year. We would urge all Sunday Schools that are not getting the Orphanage paper to see the representative and subscribe for it at once. We would also recommend the Home and Foreign Fields for information on Missions. Also Royal Service is a good book for information. The Baptist Book Store at Raleigh, will furnish good books and wholesome literature. The best plan to keep people from reading bad literature is to give them something better. Every Baptist Sunday School ought to use our own literature, and the B. Y. P. U. should also use our own literature printed by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

C. A. CALDWELL, Chairman.

7. The Moderator appoints Dr. E. V. Hudson, F. A. Burns and R. G. Mace a committee to examine and re-

port on the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith of Riverside Baptist church of R. F. D., Lowell, N. C., asking membership in the Association.

8. On motion the Clerk is instructed to drop from the roster the following churches: Eagle Grove, Lucia and West Mount Holly, they having not been heard from and apparently disbanded and the members united with other churches.

9. On motion of S. R. Bass any church not reporting to the association for two consecutive years is to be dropped from the records.

10. On motion of Dr. J. W. Whitley the association adopts resolution regarding the entertainment of the association as follows:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

In view of the fact that our Baptist constituency is growing by leaps and bounds in our Association; and, in view of the fact that our Association is a very compact one; and, in view of the fact that the automobile has become the means of travel making it possible for any member of the Association to reach the place of meeting within a few minutes time; and, in view of the fact that our B. Y. P. U. work is lengthening its cords and strengthening its stakes; and, in view of the fact that we desire the membership of the local church where the Association is meeting to get the most possible out of the session of the Association;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

First, That the Gaston County Baptist Association assembled at the Hickory Grove Baptist Church, October 18, 1927, respectfully request that all churches in the future entertaining the Association do not set a public dinner during the days of the Association. Every delegate would be expected to furnish his own lunch. In case a delegate spends the night, he would be cared for by his host. O utside visitors would be taken care of by the local church.

Second, That we request the B. Y. P. U. Convention of our Association which meets with the First Baptist Church of Cherryville next May to pass similar resolutions in regard to its annual meetings.

J. W. WHITLEY.

11. The Associational Sermon is preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour by J. J. Beach, Pastor Cherryville Baptist Church.

12. The association adjourns at at 12:15 P. M., to meet at 1:15, prayer by W. Arthur Hoffman.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

13. The Association comes to order at 1:15 P. M. The devotional service is conducted by J. M. Ballard and prayer by Dr. W. C. Barrett.

14. The report on Woman's Work is read by Mrs. W. J. Francis, President of the Woman's Missionary Union and on motion is discussed by J. H. Boggs, Dr. R. T. Vann and others, and is adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

In submitting my report to this body, I feel grateful for the work accomplished during the past year. I am glad to say that we have made progress. In the 32 churches we have the following organizations:

Woman's Missionary Societies	23
Young Women's Auxiliary	5
Girl's Auxiliary	4
Junior Girl's Auxiliary	2
Royal Ambassadors	1
Sunbeam Bands	14

We have organized eleven new societies during the year. Eleven churches in the Association have no organization of any kind.

Our financial report shows our receipts to the objects fostered by the W. M. U. to be $7,936.26. During the year $50 was paid into the Loan Fund which was started last year for Christian Education. I wish to thank the District Secretaries for their faithful work in the districts, as well as to all others who had a part in promoting the work. We have had an increase in Mission Study over last year, also an increase in personal service work. Number of miles traveled 2203, letters written 581, meetings held 20, societies organized 11, societies visited 18.

Our plans of work for coming year are as follows: Watchword: The Master is come and calleth for thee, that we strive to meet our apportionment, that the societies give to the expense fund to the amount of ten cents per member, that each society foster at least one society, that seasons of prayer be emphasized in each society, that at least one mission study course be held during the year and report same to the Mission Study Superintendent, that each society cooperate with the W. M. U. plan in reporting. The Superintendent asks the cooperation of all the pastors in the organization and keeping alive all the mission organizations in their churches.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. FRANCIS, Supt.

15. The Moderator announces the appointment of the following committees:

Place and Preacher—W. T. Rankin, R. J. Dellinger and T. O. Crowell.

Order of Business—R. G. Mace, J. J. Beach and E. V. Hudson.

16. The Moderator appoints as a member of the State Mission Board Dr. W. C. Barrett, of Gastonia, N. C., and as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention Dr. J. W. Whitley, of Gastonia, N. C.

17. The B. Y. P. U. work is considered and is discussed by E. N. Gardner, President of the State Work, J. J. Beach and J. P. Thomas. The following report is adopted:

B. Y. P. U.

Judging from the number of unions we now have and the progress they are making the associational B. Y. P. U. is possibly in better shape at present than ever before. With its 106 unions we find we have a net gain for the year of 12. We believe we have made the most rapid progress both in organization and efficiency with about 40 per cent of the B. Y. P. U.'s reaching the standard. The former president, J. P. Thomas, and myself, and the other associational officers have been unceasingly at the task trying to encourage and help all the unions that we could reach.

More study courses were held last year than ever before, there being at least one in every church.

In the four districts wonderful work has been accomplished and vice-presidents have cooperated in a beautiful way. Every district meeting has been held regularly with good attendance and we feel they have been a great help to all attending.

In our Convention held with Center View Church May 31st, a high peak was reached in our B. Y. P. U. history with about fifteen hundred in attendance. At this meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the following year: J. P. Thomas, President and Director; Mrs. H. R. Bailey, Junior and Intermediate Leader; Miss Neva McCoy, Secretary-Treasurer; W. L. Hawkins, Chorister, Miss Della Newton, Pianist; First District, J. H. Fagan; Second District, Harvey Flowers. Third District, Miss Juba Hager; Fourth District, Miss Addie Leeper.

Rev. Coy Muckle addressed the mass meeting on Sunday afternoon and Rev. E. V. Hudson, of Cramerton, preached the conventional sermon. A number of leaders were on the program and rendered a vital part in the convention. On June 22nd, a motorcade of nineteen automobiles with about 100 workers and members attended the State Convention at Raleigh. This Association also repossessed the State Associational Efficiency Banner. J. P. Thomas, who was elected at the last Convention as presi-

dent and director for the third term, resigned in August this year his place as president and director to take up the work as State Vice-President. At which time the writer was elected to fill his place by the executive body of the associational B. Y. P. U.

Our aim for this year is to turn out more efficient workers in the church and in the Kingdom of God, and the B. Y. P. U. challenges your cooperation and your support in the work, especially the pastors and the deacons.

J. H. FAGAN,
President and Director.

18. The report on Sunday Schools is read by R. S. Lewis and is adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following brief statistical summary gives some idea of our Sunday School work in general. First: In our own asosciation there are 31 schools with an enrollment of 10,765, and an average attendance of 5,649. There are 9,430 members in the churches of our association. In our State there are 2,202 schools, with an enrollment of 312,840. Of these schools 115 are standard, 63 of which standard schools are in country churches. The average Sunday School enrollment in all country churches is 96; in these standard schools it it 334. There was an average of 7 baptisms in all churches, the average in churches with standard schools was 17.5. The average contributions per capita from all churches for all purposes was $6.00. In churches having standard schools the average was $14.18. During the past year 2,305 diplomas and 7,740 seals were issued in the state. Finally there are 21,760 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 2,691,828 in our Southern Baptist Convention. Only 686 of these schools are standard.

These figures and facts reveal two defects in our Sunday School work that deserve our earnest and prayerful consideration, namely, lack of teacher training, and proper organization.

Your committee, therefore, recommends that much time and attention be given to teacher training, during the coming year in all the churches of the Association. Your committee further recommends that we set as our definite goal this year: Every Sunday School a standard school. Finally your committee suggests that the churches furnish all officers and teachers with our missionary magazine, Home and Foreign Fields, The Sunday School Builder, and the Teachers' Quarterly, and urge all officers and teachers to subscribe for and read the Biblical Recorder.

R. S. LEWIS.

19. On motion of Dr. W. C. Barrett the Clerk is instructed to extend the sympathy of the Association to

E. L. Middleton and family in the hour of his affliction. The Association offers a prayer led by O. W. Triplett for Brother Middleton.

20. The committee appointed on the organization and covenant of Riverside Baptist Church reports and recommends that the church be received into this body. The report is adopted.

21. R. G. Mace reads the report on Orphanage and after the subject is discussed by E. M. Gardner, of the Orphanage and others it is adopted.

ORPHANAGE

Nine hundred and seventy-nine children now make up the Orphanage charge of North Carolina Baptists.

This large family calls for an annual support of $200,000.00. According to receipts reported in Charity and Children last week, North Carolina Baptists have contributed so far during the current fiscal year, only about $37,000.00. This leaves $103,000.00 to be raised during the remainder of the year if our beloved institution is to have a worthy support.

This emphasizes the need of a more generous support on the part of our Sunday Schools and of a more liberal thank offering at Thanksgiving.

The Mothers Aid work is perhaps the tenderest and most beautiful service being rendered by any denomination in the world today and makes its appeal to the noblest instincts of the race.

The Baptists of the state should, by increased liberality, make possible a greatly enlarged endeavor along that line.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. MACE.

22. The report on Ministerial Relief is read by W. B. McClure and discussed by him, Dr. R. T. Vann and others, and is adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Perhaps the most heartening thing that can be said of our Relief and Annuity work is that it is finding an ever enlarging place in the thinking of our people. Perhaps the greatest contribution which the lamented Dr. Lunsford, late Corresponding Secretary of the Board, made to this work was to focus the mind of the denomination upon this most pressing but long neglected task.

The 1,145 beneficiaries of the fund received last year a total of

$156,192.70, representing an increase over the previous year of $14,365.39.

The available funds have been painfully insufficient to meet, in an adequate way, the many urgent calls that have come to the board. The necessity is therefore upon every one for increased contributions to the support of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. McCLURE.

23. T. L. Cashwell reads the report on Hospitals which is ably discussed by Dr. R. T. Vann and T. L. Cashwell and is adopted.

HOSPITALS

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital, located at Winston-Salem, is recognized as one of the finest institutions of its kind in the south. Its equipment is unsurpassed. Our staff of physicians are men of recognized ability and skill. Our death rate is lowest on record and our location is ideal. A nurses home is in process of erection. A three-story fire-proof building costing about $45,000. It has room for 46 girls, lecture rooms, demonstration and reception rooms, in fact all that goes to make up a first class dormitory and school room.

The hospital is more than self sustaining having given to the denomination last year about $6,000 in charity work. Five hundred charity patients were cared for at a cost of $27,500. The denomination paid $14,475, the Duke Endowment $7,000, while the balance was paid from the earnings of the hospital after all expenses were paid.

Our hospital faces a three-fold need: 1st, The earnest prayers of North Carolina Baptists. 2nd, More patronage upon the part of those who are able to pay for service received. 3rd, A more liberal response to the "Mother's Day" offering which goes entirely for charity work.

Your committee recommends that we join heartily and liberally with the Baptists of North Carolina in our next "Mother's Day" offering. That we set $1,000 as a goal for the Gaston Association. That some suitable person be appointed to keep in touch with and supply information and suggest plans for the launching of this program in the various churches.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. CASHWELL, Com.

24. The Webb's Chapel Baptist Church, of Gaston

County, and lately a member of the South Fork Association, is received as a member of this body on a Letter of Dismissal from that Association.

25. The Moderator appoints the following committee to nominate a B. Y. P. U. Director: Dr. J. W. Whitley, W. T. Baucom and L. L. Jessup.

26. At 4:35 P. M. the Association adjourns to meet at 7:00 o'clock tonight. Prayer by S. R. Bass.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

27. The Association comes to order at 7:15. Devotional exercise in charge of F. A. Burns.

28. The report on Public Morals is read by J. M. Trogdon and is discussed by him, O. W. Triplett and W. B. McClure and is adopted.

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

When the liquor traffic was outlawed in the United States of America the angels must have sang again, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men," but as it was when the Saviour was born, Satan and all his forces went to work to defeat God's plan. The time has not been long since this destroyer of character, of homes and of life was licensed, sanctioned and protected by the government and was carried on by men who cared nothing for the homes, the laws or the lives of the people so long as they could satisfy their greed for money.

Whiskey is still made in the United States and a great quantity is also smuggled into our country. We still have the blockader, the bootlegger, the scoflaw and the rumrunner. We still have men who claim to be good citizens who are in symnathy with these outlaws. The liquor forces are well organized, they are spending millions of dollars trying to defeat the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution. If the Christian people do not awake to a sense of their duty and put on the whole armour of God, the cause we fought so long for and finally gained may be lost. We therefore, ought to be very careful who we elect to office. We should vote only for men whom we know are opposed to the liquor traffic, men who will stand for law and order.

Law and Order

When we have succeeded in electing good men to office, we should give them our hearty support, uphold their hands and encourage them in enforcing the law. We should not only obey the

law ourselves but we should teach our children and our neighbors to be law-abiding citizens. It seems that we have an abundance of laws but our great trouble is, so many fail to obey the laws.

The Home Life

Home should be the most attractive place in the world, with many, however, it seems to be the least, only a place to eat and sleep. Let us strive to make our homes just what they ought to be.

The Church

This is a day when many are running to and fro in the world. Thousands are on the highways while there are only hundreds in the churches. This is a day of Sabbath desecration. If we continue at the rate that we are going, how long will God allow our great nation to stand.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TROGDON.

29. The Doctrinal Sermon is preached by Dr. J. W. Whitley. Text Rev. 1:12, subject, "John's Vision of the Church". This is a strong, able and helpful sermon.

30. On motion the Nominating Committee is requested to include in their recommendations the two Associational Men—a Hospital Representative and an Orphanage Representative.

31. At 9:00 o'clock the Association adjourns to meet at 9:15 Wednesday morning. Prayer by D. E. Vipperman.

SECOND DAY

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

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32. The Association comes to order at 9:15 o'clock with R. S. Lewis, Vice-Moderator, presiding. Devotional service conducted by N. T. Lancaster. Prayer by R. G. Mace.

33. The Minutes of Tuesday and Tuesday night were read and adopted.

34. The Committee on Place and Preacher recommended that the next session of the Association be held with

South Marietta Street Church, Gastonia, N. C., and that S. R. Bass preach the Associational Sermon and T. L. Cashwell as alternate. The report and recommendation is adopted.

35. The report on State Missions is read by J. L. Teague and after being discussed by J. L. Teague, T. C. Smith, Dr. J. W. Whitley and Dr. R. T. Vann is adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

A retrospect of State Missions in North Carolina reveals to us how marvelously God has blessed Baptist people. Starting in 1830 with about 10,000 white and 5000 Negro Baptists we have grown to the number of 357,767 white and about 240,000 Negro Baptists, making over 600,000 Baptist in North Carolina, or about 48 out of every hundred church members in the state, thus multiplying our number forty times in 97 years. In offerings we have gone from $700 in 1830 for all missionary and benevolent objects to $737,-317.32 in 1926, thus multiplying our offerings more than one thousand times.

Yet marvelous as has been our growth during these years we are only just now catching a vision of the opportunities and possibilities of enlargement in the Master's kingdom. Ours is a great heritage, a great opportunity, a great challenge to evangelize, to enlist and to train the hosts of this our great and progressive state.

Our State Mission work is carried on by our General Board through the direction of Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, General Secretary, giving aid to work done under five departments.

1. Department of Missionary Pastoral Assistance, which is helping this year 87 missionaries serving 147 churches.
2. Department of W. M. U. with five general and three special field workers.
3. Sunday School Department with four general and eleven associational workers.
4. B. Y. P. U. Department with four general workers.
5. Department of Evangelism with one white and one Negro evangelist this year.

In addition to these are student activities with one worker each at Wake Forest, Chapel Hill, State College, Raleigh, and N. C. C. W., Greensboro. Also the Preachers School at Meredith College.

There is great need that the Lord's people rally to the support of our mission program. God has blessed us with the means. Let us pray that he will move upon his people to bring in the tithe and the offering and fill his treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. TEAGUE, Committee.

36. Committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee is appointed by the Moderator: F. A. Burns, Laban Abernethy and J. M. Trogdon.

37. L. L. Jessup reads the report on Home Missions and discusses it after which it is adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

The Lord has greatly blessed our missionary efforts at home during the past year. He has laid upon the hearts of our people the great needs of the work, and reports from all sections of the South indicate increased interest along all lines. Some sections have been handicapped on account of local conditions, such as crop failures, bad storms, floods, etc. But it is hoped that the more prosperous sections will increase their offerings so as not to cause any deficiency.

In the Department of Co-operative Missions our Board has made some progress despite the fact that it had to make retrenchments along some lines. Mission work has been carried on in eleven states by 7669 missionaries. 916 churches have been helped, 139 churches have been organized; 14,974 persons have been baptized; total additions have been 26,289. The amount spent for this work was $116,591.56.

The work among the foreigners has also been encouraging, with particular reference to the Mexicans and Italians. A total of 1,334 additions have been reported with five new churches organized. We have only 38 workers in this department.

Among the Indians we have 13 workers, who reported 546 additions; among the negroes 29 workers, with 3,102 additions, and 24 new churches organized. Among the soldiers and seamen we have six workers who report 963 professions of faith, and 159 baptisms. The Seamen's Institute at Jacksonville has had a very prosperous year.

In Cuba and Panama the work has been very encouraging. In Cuba we have 52 missionaries, 11 schools, and 63 churches and mission stations. We have had 234 additions, and have collected on this field $21,223.13.

We own either outright or jointly 28 mountain mission schools equipped with 212 teachers. The enrollment exceeds 5000, with 225 ministerial students. 405 conversions have been reported in our mountain schools. The income from these schools is $234,516.

Among other institutions controlled by the Board are the Hospital at New Orleans, the Tuberculosis Sanitorium at El Paso, and the property at Ridgecrest, N. C. Our department of Evangelism in charge of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller is doing splendid work, and should be encouraged in every way.

These are only a few of the many facts which could be recited in connection with the work of our Home Mission Board, but these should be sufficient to inspire us with the great possibilities that God has laid at our hand. Let us meet this challenging situation,

not with confusion, but with decision; not with unbelief, but with faith; not with animosity, but with generosity; not with unconcern, but with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. JESSUP.

38. Dr. E. V. Hudson reads report on Foreign Missions and upon the close of his discussion report is adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

If we are true to the teachings of Jesus, our Lord, we are bound to witness for Him in every part of the world. If there is one clear message in the New Testament, it is that his gospel shall be preached to every creature. Time was when our fathers prayed that the doors to other nations may be opened to the gospel. That time has come. No longer are the gates of the nations barred against the entrance of the ambassadors of Christ. The cry from all peoples is: "Come over and help us.." "The isles wait for his law."

God's blessings have been upon our foreign mission enterprise in abundant measure. In the 13 counties in which we do mission work there are 1139 churches and 3488 substations. There is a membership of 137,734 in these churches. We had on the field last year 513 missionaries, 191 men and 322 women. They reported last year 12,085 baptisms, an average of 23 baptisms per missionary; whereas the average per pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention was only a little above 6.

The work of our foreign mission enterprise is pitched along the same lines and includes the same things which we are doing here in the homeland. A great deal of emphasis is given to evangelism. Then there are the schools in which we train and instruct. Hospital work has proved to be a great factor, not only in healing, but also in preparing the way for the entrance of our Christ in the lives of the heathen. The work of the W. M. U. and the B. Y. P. U. is pushed with vigor, and is doing wonderful things. One can see that the same kind of work done here is being done there.

We are all aware that the financial condition of the board is enough to make the angels weep. The people of the earth are hungering for the bread of life; we have that bread; yet it cannot be carried to them. Dr. J. F. Love reported in May, 1927, a debt of $748,799 on the board. It has been the board's policy now for more than a year to send out no new missionaries, yet we have scores of young men and women who are prepared and ready to go. Many of our missionaries now on furlough cannot go back. Those who are still on the field do not have sufficient means to

carry on their work. How long shall our people withhold their money, and thereby withhold salvation from those who sit in darkness?

For the Committee,

E. V. HUDSON.

39. The report on Education is read by Dr. J. W. Whitley and for information J. H. Quinn reads the report of the Trustees of Boiling Springs High School. Education is discussed by Dr. J. W. Whitley and Dr. R. T. Vann, and the report is adopted.

EDUCATION

In the good year 1927 argument or apology in North Carolina for Education is useless because all thinking men appreciate its value. The danger, however, is that its value will come to be measured merely in terms of dollars. The State Schools can well afford so to measure it as well as in terms of service to the State, but our Christian Schools must not so measure it. Indeed, they do not. By as much as Christian citizenship is of more intrinsic worth than merely good citizenship, by so much is Christian education superior to any system of education which leaves out Christ. This is not said to disparage the splendid moral training which one is happy to believe our State Schools provide. The fact remains, however, that our Christian Schools are positively Christian. The State schools must insist on high moral standards; but be it remembered that the moral standards of today may degenerate tomorrow, and doubtless would but for the Christian code of ethics which is ever lifting existing moral standrads to higher levels. Herein lies the function of Christain Education, and herein is indicated its ever increasing task. Shall our State in all its activities be dominated by Christian Standards of conduct? It is for our churches and Christian schools to say. In a word, the value of Education depends upon the attitude of mind and heart which is developed simultaneously with the acquiring of useful knowledge; and to the task of developing Christian attitudes our Baptist schools have set themselves. "What will an education do for me?" is of secondary importance. But "what will a trained mind and heart help me to do for others?" is of supreme importance. Here lies the emphasis of Christian education; and surely, there is tremendous need for such emphasis at this time of confusion and change. Never have Christians and especially Baptists had a more challenging opportunity.

What then is our opportunity? Men and women of thought and action everywhere are asking, "To whom shall we go?" Cultured and consecrated leadership is the need of the hour. Years ago our Baptist schools trained a large per cent of those graduating from any high school. Now we have only one high school left. On the other hand, we have students in college in larger numbers. These must be trained for Christian leadership in

church and state. Here is our opportunity. We cannot train the many but we must give those whom we do train the very best. Given the proper Christian training and attitude, ponder well the service which the nearly 2,000 college students now in our schools will render in future years. The cost of providing such training now is a mere nothing when compared with the probable service these 2,000 will render to the on-going of the Kingdom.

Another contribution which our schools are making is worthy of our keen interest. Wake Forest, Mars Hill, Wingate and Campbell have summer schools. Last summer at Wake Forest some 400 public school teachers had their first opportunity to study the Bible under competent teachers. Since most of our boys and girls must be trained in the public schools, it must be of deep concern to us that the conduct and attitude of these teachers shall be not only morally good but positively Christian. And such an attitude our Baptist Summer Schools are meant to impart.

This final word: Our schools must grow or go. Several have gone already. Worth while things cost money. We must put not only our boys and girls into our schools but our money as well. Through the Co-operative Program we must provide for operating them until such time as we can accumulate sufficient endowment. Then, we must within the next three years raise a great Centennial Fund, so that they may be released from burdensome debt and have a chance to GROW. If we are to be worthy of our God and those Baptist builders who, in faith, began these enterprises, we must not, we cannot, having set our hands to the plow, look backward. We have the ideals; we have eager minds hungering for the full truth and hearts aglow for service; we have the money. Let us give our ideals a chance to direct our money so that these eager minds and glowing hearts may be prepared for spiritual service. And the Kingdom will surely come. To some, the big question seems to be: "How can we support our schools?" In truth, the real question is: "How can we afford not to support them?"

One more word about our Centennial Campaign. We are anxious to come to our one hundredth anniversary with all our educational institutions free from debts. Therefore this Campaign has been launched to raise $1,500,000 between now and the meeting of the Baptist State Convention in 1930.

Therefore we recommend that we, the Gaston County Baptist Association enter heartily into this campaign and thus help to free our colleges from their burdensome indebtedness that they may fulfill in a glorious way the work they were established to do.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS W. WHITLEY.

40. An abbreviated report of the Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs High School follows:

BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Kings Mountain, Sandy Run, and Gaston County Baptist Associations:

On May 4th, 1927, your school closed its 20th year of actual school work, but the movement to establish the school was launched three years prior to its actual opening. The school closed with its usual high class commencement exercises. There were 48 in the graduating class which was five smaller than the graduating class of the previous year. More than 5,000 students have enrolled since the opening of the school and of these 543 have graduated, many of whom later completed their education at our leading colleges and universities. Your school points with commendable pride to the splendid record made by its students, both graduates and under graduates, as a rule, since entering upon life's various callings. Many have distinguished themselves in church and state.

The total enrollment for last year was 184. This was 40 below that of the previous year and that year was 54 below that of the year before that.

Because of the continuous decrease in enrollment due to the rapid increase of State high schools within the territory of these Associations, your Board found it impossible to finance the school under its prior organization. So the faculty was reorganized at the beginning of the present term with a smaller number of teachers—the minimum number with which the school can now successfully function—and yet we are now running at a loss.

This is the first time in the history of our school that we have had the very unpleasant duty of reporting a deficit in meeting operating expenses. As will be seen from the foregoing financial report, we will have a deficit of $1,393.40 if all outstanding notes and accounts are collected, but it can hardly be anticipated that all will be collected. The items not collected will augment the deficit to that extent.

Your Board, in its annual report to the Association in 1926, recommended that steps be taken to convert your school into a Junior College. This recommendation was later submitted to the Educational Board of the Baptist State Convention, as it then existed. The proposition has since been before the new General Board of the Convention. At a recent meeting of the latter Board, Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, its General Secretary, was authorized and directed to come to this territory and meet a delegation from this Board to see if some plan could be evolved that would protect the future of our school and promote the best interest of the Centennial Campaign now starting for the relief of our Baptist schools. At the call of Dr. Maddry, the Executive Committee of this Board, together with a number of pastors and friends of the school, met Dr. Maddry at the First Baptist Church, in Shelby, N. C., on Oct. 3rd, 1927, at 8:00 o'clock, P. M., when a satisfactory agreement to all present was reached which agreement was reduced to writing to be signed in behalf of this Board and by Dr. Chas. E. Maddry. The said paper-writing, hereinafter set forth, has

this day been approved, in form and substance, by this Board and is herewith submitted to the Association for their approval or rejection:

In Re: Boiling Springs High School and General Board.

Tentative Agreement

Entered into by and between the Trustees of Boiling Springs High School and Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, General Secretary of the Baptist Convention, for submission to the Baptist Convention at Durham, N. C., Nov. 15th-17th, 1927, for acceptance, amendment, or rejection.

1. All parties hereto recognize that they are both morally and legally bound to the Banks and Bonding Companies lending them money, not to increase the indebtedness of any institution owned or controlled by the Convention or to change the status of any such institution whereby the financial obligations of the Convention will or would be increased until the bonded indebtedness is paid or greatly reduced. Therefore, it is hereby agreed that the General Board will pay, and the Trustees of Boiling Springs will accept the same amount heretofore agreed upon as current expenses for the years 1928 and 1929, to-wit: $3,500.00 per year for each calendar year.

2. It is further agreed that the General Board of the Convention and the Trustees of Boiling Springs High School shall cooperate and put on jointly one great Centennial Campaign early in the year 1928 among the Baptists and non-Baptists in the churches and territories embraced in the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations for a goal not less than $250,000.00 and the sum thus raised shall be divided as follows: (1) The debt of $40,000 carried by the Convention for Boiling Springs shall be paid and discharged; (2) The remainder shall be divided between the General Board of the State Convention and the Trustees of Boiling Springs High School by the following ratio, viz: 40 per cent to the Convention and 60 per cent to the Trustees Boiling Springs High School.

3. It is further agreed that the Trustees of Boiling Springs High school may add one year's work above the High School grade beginning with the session of 1928, and may be permitted to raise Boiling Springs High School to the full standard of a Junior College beginning with the session of 1929.

4. It is further agreed that all funds coming to Boiling Springs High School out of the proposed Centennial Campaign after the debt of $40,000 herein referred to is paid shall be used as follows, viz: 50 per cent for permanent improvements and 50 per cent for endowment.

5. It is further agreed that with the beginning of the calendar year of 1930 new negotiations shall be entered into by and between the General Board of the Convention and the Trustees of

Boiling Springs High School as to ownership, control, and maintenance of Boiling Springs High School, Inc.

This 3rd day of October, 1927.

General Secretary of the Convention.

---Chairman

---Secretary

Board Trustees Boiling Springs High School.

It will be noted from the foregoing instrument that the proposed joint campaign is to be confined to the territory of the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations only, for the reason that Dr. Maddry desires that the Gaston County Association be left open to be worked alone by the General Board in the Centennial Campaign.

Respectfully submitted, this the 5th day of October, 1927.

J. H. QUINN, Chairman.
G. B. PRUETT, Secretary.
Board Trustees Boiling Springs High School.

41. The committee in charge of the property and funds of the old South Fork Institute filed their report as information.

SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE FUNDS

Matthew A. Stroup and E. B. Denny, for the Committee appointed to assist in the collection of funds belonging to the Gaston County Association, reports as follows.

That since the appointment of the Committe in this connection $2,333.09 has been collected and paid to E. B. Hamrick for the Chair of Bible Endowment Fund of Boiling Springs High School, as directed by the Gaston County Association.

The Committee further reports a balance due the Gaston County Association of $690.00 with interest for about two years. This is due by the Maiden Schools, and has been recently assumed by the County Board of Education of Catawba County, which Board has agreed to pay it on or before February 1, 1928.

MATTHEW A. STROUPE,
E. B. DENNY,
For the Committee.

42. Dr. W. C. Barrett lodges motion that the South Fork Institute funds be collected and held for further orders of the Association. Motion is adopted.

43. At 12:00 o'clock the Association adjourns to meet at 1:00 P. M. Prayer by J. W. Kesterson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

44. The Association comes to order at 1:00 o'clock and devotional service conducted by W. T. Baucom. Prayer by T. L. Cashwell.

45. The Treasurer's Report is received.

TREASURERS REPORT.

Gastonia, N. C., October 18, 1927.

To Gaston County Baptist Association:

I submit herewith my report as treasurer of the Association for the year ending September 30th, 1927:

Receipts

From churches for Minutes and Printing	$200.72
Amount due from churches	21.14
	$221.86

Disbursements

Paid Loftin & Company, printing	$169.50
David P. Dellinger, Clerk	25.00
Postage and stationery	8.85
Deficit due Clerk	21.14

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID P. DELLINGER,
For the Treasurer.

46. Consideration of the Report of the Trustees of Boiling Springs High School is taken up and discussed by J. H. Quinn, J. D. Huggins, Principal, Boiling Springs High School, J. J. Beach, W. C. Barrett and the report of Trustees is adopted.

47. W. J. Francis reads the report of the Executive Committee which is adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report:

Calvary Baptist Church, J. M. Trogdon, Pastor. By baptism 30, letter 52, present membership 351. Sunday School membership 215; Senior B. Y. P. U. membership 25; Intermediate 20; Junior 18. Contributed for all objects $5,502.09. Gifts to benevolences $123.60. Aid from State Mission Board $150.00.

Temple Baptist Church, W. A. Hoffman, pastor. By baptism 48, letter 51, present membership 215. Sunday School membership 291; Senior B. Y. P. U. membership 20; Intermediate 24; Junior

24. Will organize a Woman's Missionary Society this year. Raised for all objects $2,666.52. Gifts to benevolences for nine months $108.37. Has no house of worship but worships in a company school house. Aid from State Mission Board $500.00.

South Marietta Street, J. H. Boggs, Pastor. By baptism 14, letter 46, present membership 296. Sunday School membership 286; Senior B. Y. P. U. 16; Intermediate 13; Junior 16. W. M. S. membership 20. Raised for all objects $3,598.13. Gifts to benevolences $261.21. Aid from State Mission Board $150.00.

W. J. FRANCIS, Chairman,
For the Committee.

48. The page in the Minutes as tabulated by the Clerk is accepted for the report on Obituaries.

49. Dr. J. W. Whitley reports and recommends that J. H. Fagan be elected B. Y. P. U. Director, R. S. Lewis, Representative of Hospitals, and S. P. Barber as Representative of the Orphanage. The report is adopted.

50. F. A. Burns reports from the committee to nominate Executive Committee as follows: W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.; J. J. Beach, Cherrville, N. C.; J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.; W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C.; E. V. Hudson, Cramerton, N. C.; R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C., and R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C., and they are elected.

51. R. G. Mace reads the following report on Order of Business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS, 1928
October 17th and 18th
Tuesday Morning

9:30—Devotional.
9:45—Enrollment and organization.
10:00—Religious Literature, J. L. Teague, Bessemer City, N. C.
10:10—Benevolences.
1. Hospitals, R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.
2. Orphanage, S. P. Barger, Gastonia, N. C.
3. Ministerial Relief, W. A. Hoffman, Gastonia, N. C.
11:00—Introductory Sermon, S. R. Bass, Belmont, N. C.
12:00——Dinner

Tuesday Afternoon

1:00—Devotional.
1:15—State Missions, W. T. Baucom, Dallas, N. C.
1:45—Home Missions, T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia, N. C.

2:30—Woman's Work, Pres. W. M. U., Mrs. W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.
3:15—Sunday Schools, E. V. Hudson, Cramerton, N. C.
3:45—Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

Tuesday Evening

7:15—Devotional.
7:30—Stewardship (to be supplied).

Wednesday Morning

9:30—Devotional.
9:45—B. Y. P. U., J. H. Fagan, Gastonia, N. C.
10:15—Foreign Missions, J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.
11:00—Education, J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.
11:45—Miscellaneous.
12:00—Dinner.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:00—Devotional.
1:10—Boiling Springs.
1:30—Treasurer's Report.
1:35—Report Executive Committee, W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.
1:45—Obituaries, W. B. McClure, Alexis, N. C.
2:00—Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

R. G. MACE,
J. J. BEACH,
E. V. HUDSON.

52. The following Loan Fund Committee is appointed: J. P. Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.; M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia, N. C., and R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.

53. On motion of J. J. Beach the following pledges are taken to meet the deficit in the operating expenses and pay tuition of ministerial students of Boiling Springs High School:

FOR MINISTERIAL STUDENTS AND DEFICIT.

Cherryville Baptist Church	$45.00
Mrs. W. J. Francis	45.00
Flint Groves Church, (Bro. Cline)	35.00
Lowell Church	25.00
Men's Class, Cramerton	25.00
Gastonia East Church	22.50
B. F. Norris Class (Gastonia First)	50.00
Loray Church	45.00
W. J. Francis	45.00
Mrs. J. W. Summey	10.00
W. T. Baucom	10.00
A. E. Clemmer	45.00
J. L. Teague	5.00

54. S. R. Bass offers the following resolution which is unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

S. R. Bass offers the following Resolution:

That the thanks and appreciation of the Association are due and hereby extended to the members, and particularly the ladies, of the Hickory Grove Church for the sumptuous feeds furnished for this two days session.

55. The Moderator announces the appointment as Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. P. Thomas, R. S. Lewis and J. W. Whitley.

56. Dr. W. C. Barrett and W. L. Walters are elected Trustees of Boiling Springs High School for terms expiring in 1932.

57. At 3:25 the Association adjourns. Closing prayer by T. L. Cashwell.

W. J. FRANCIS, Moderator.
DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk.

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR COMRADES WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE LAST ROLL CALL SINCE OCTOBER 1, 1926

ALEXIS
Mr. Alfred A. Lineberger
Mr. Earl Yates Garrison

BELMONT EAST
Miss Elsie Duke

BELMONT FIRST
Mrs. A. A. Leeper
Mr. J. A. McKnight

BESSEMER CITY
Mrs. A. M. Pearson
Mrs. E. J. Medlin
Mrs. Ed. Jackson
Mrs. Elizabeth Poteet

BRUINGTON
Mr. Logan Goodson
Mr. W. H. Rumfelt

CENTER VIEW
Mr. Walter Medlin
Mr. Ben Fisher
Mr. Greal Auten
Mr. D. H. Goodson
Mrs. Myrtle Auten
Mr. Kerby Heffner

CHERRYVILLE
Mr. Sanford Allen
Mrs. C. C. Guiton
Mrs. S. R. W. Farris
Mrs. T. J. Black
Mr. A. B. Peeler
Mr. Roy Styers
Mr. Benaja Black
Mrs. Eliza Louisa Beach

CRAMERTON
Miss Vivian Jenkins

FLINT-GROVES
Mr. J. E. McMahon

GASTONIA CALVARY
Mr. A. F. Pearson

GASTONIA EAST
Mr. W. P. Bell
Mrs. Alice Smith
Mrs. A. J. Saunders

GASTONIA FIRST
Mr. William C. Wavis
Mr. C. M. Crowder
Mr. E. F. Curlee

GASTONIA LORAY
Mr. E. C. Torrence
Mr. R. H. Glover
Mrs. John E. Davis
Mrs. D. S. Smith
Mr. Andrew Glover

GASTONIA TEMPLE
Mr. W. H. Hoffman

HICKORY GROVE
Mrs. Vina Bradshaw
Mr. James Cherry
Mr. C. L. Hope

HIGH SHOALS
Mr. Marion Abernathy

HULL'S GROVE
Mrs. Hambey Grier

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL
Mrs. Julia Allen
Mr. Julius Hayes
Miss Lena Pasour

LOWELL
Mrs. Mary McDaniel
Mr. Walter Usery

McADENVILLE
Mrs. H. F. Galyon
Mr. J. C. Harris
Mr. J. N. Roberts
Mrs. William Mosley

MOUNT ZION
Mrs. Jennie Dellinger
Mr. Thomas A. Dellinger

RANLO
Mrs. F. H. Bailey

SANDY PLAINS
Mrs. Malinda Johnston

TUCKASEEGE
Mr. W. L. O'Daniel

ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church of Which Member	Work
C. A. Abernethy	Rt. 1, Dallas, N. C.	Hardin	Pastor
J. M. Ballard	Alexis, N. C.	Alexis	Member
P. S. Barber	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East	Member
Dr. W. C. Barrett	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia First	Pastor
S. R. Bass	Belmont, N. C.	Belmont First	Pastor
H. W. Baucom	Gastonia, N. C.	Bethel	Pastor
W. T. Baucom	Dallas, N. C.	Dallas	Pastor
Joe Bishop	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Groves	Member
W. A. Bishop	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Groves	Member
J. J. Beach	Cherryville, N. C.	Cherryville	Pastor
J. H. Boggs	Rt. 3, Gastonia, N. C.	So. Marietta St.	Pastor
W. E. Bost	Cramerton, N. C.	Cramerton	Member
A. P. Bumgardner	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray	Member
Ford A. Burns	Mount Holly, N. C.	Mount Holly	Pastor
W. G. Camp	Cherryville, N. C.	Shady Grove	Pastor
Albert Campbell	Maiden, N. C.	Maiden	Pastor
T. L. Cashwell	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East	Pastor
D. M. Franklin	Cramerton, N. C.	Cramerton	Member
E. S. Grice	Ranlo, Gastonia, N. C.	Ranlo	Member
L. W. Hager	Stanley, N. C.	Bruington	Member
A. A. Haggard	Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Groves	Pastor
W. Arthur Hoffman	Sta. 1, Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Temple	Pastor
Dr. E. V. Hudson	Cramerton, N. C.	Cramerton	Pastor
W. F. Huggins	Alexis, N. C.	Alexis	Member
G. C. Ivey	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray	Member
L. L. Jessup	Lowell, N. C.	Lowell	Pastor
J. W. Kesterson	Ranlo, Gastonia, N. C.	Ranlo	Pastor
N. T. Lancaster	Belmont, N. C.	Center View	Pastor
A. A. Lackee	Mount Holly, N. C.	Tuckaseege	Pastor
Raymond Long	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East	Member
W. B. McClure	Alexis, N. C.	Hickory Grove	Pastor
R. G. Mace	Belmont, N. C.	Belmont East	Pastor
Owen W. Moran	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia First	Asso. Pastor
Jack B. Payne	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Groves	Member
B. V. Mull	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Groves	Member
J. B. Payne	Mount Holly, N. C.	Mount Holly	Member
J. Z. Perry	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Groves	Member
C. M. Robinson	Catawba, N. C.	Olivet	Pastor
J. L. Teague	Bessemer City, N. C.	Bessemer City	Pastor
O. W. Triplett	Stanley, N. C.	Bruington	Pastor
J. M. Trogdon	Pinkney, Gastonia, N. C.	Calvary	Pastor
D. E. Vipperman	McAdenville, N. C.	Spencer Mountain	Pastor
Lee Wacaster	Cherryville, N. C.	Mount Zion	Pastor
W. L. Walters	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray	Member
Dr. J. W. Whitley	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray	Pastor
G. P. Young	Pinkney, Gastonia, N. C.	Calvary	Member

LICENSED MINISTERS

Oscar Bolch	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
J. E. Campbell	Pinkney, Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Calvary
John L. Cloninger	Lowell, N. C.	McAdenville
Harry Crapps	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
John E. David	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
O. W. Deaton	McAdenville, N. C.	McAdenville
D. B. Farnsworth	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
John A. Hallman	Rt. 3, Vale, N. C.	Hull's Grove
W. L. Hawkins	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia St. Marietta
J. S. Lazenby	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
A. McCoy	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
J. A. McCullough	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
O. L. McGinnas	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
J. J. Waldrop	Rt. 3, Vale, N. C.	Hull's Grove
J. W. Ward	Belmont, N. C.	Belmont East

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Churches	Superintendents and Post Office
Alexis	T. W. Garrison, Alexis, N. C.
Belmont East	J. B. Brown, Belmont, N. C.
Belmont First	D. P. Stowe, Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City	A. F. Briggs, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bethel	No Report.
Bruington	F. G. Dawkins, Stanley, N. C.
Center View	R. C. Fisher, Belmont, N. C.
Cherryville	J. T. Allen, Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton	I. F. Cook, Cramerton, N. C.
Dallas	P. D. Summey, Dallas, N. C.
Flint-Groves	J. L. Price, East Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Calvary	R. B. Price, Victory, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, East	G. C. Moss, East Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, First	M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Loray	L. J. Waldrop, Sta. 1, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, So. Marietta	J. H. Fagan, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Temple	Otto Perry, Sta. 1, Gastonia, N. C.
Hardin	J. J. Friday, Rt. 1, Dallas, N. C.
Hickory Grove	L. M. Flowers, Rt. 2, Mount Holly, N. C.
High Shoals	J. P. Horne, High Shoals, N. C.
Hulls Grove	Clayton Willis, Rt. 3, Vale, N. C.
Long Creek Memorial	F. M. Pasour, Dallas, N. C.
Lowell	W. Benson, Lowell, N. C.
McAdenville	Labe Abernethy, McAdenville, N. C.
Mount Beulah	E. H. Biggerstaff, Rt.2, Bessemer City, N. C.
Mount Holly	O. L. Hoffman, Mount Holly, N. C.
Mount Zion	Wesley Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.
Ranlo	E. G. Canipe, Ranlo, Gastonia, N. C.
Riverside	J. R. Flowers, Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.
Sandy Plains	W. E. Barnes, Rt. 1, Lowell, N. C.
Shady Grove	Floyd Mauney, Cherryville, N. C.
Spencer Mountain	J. A. Graham, Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.
Tuckaseege	G. E. Blankenship, Mount Holly, N. C.
Webb's Chapel	S. O. Murphy, Rt. 2, Lincolnton, N. C.

B. Y. P. U. OFFICERS GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Churches	Presidents of B. Y. P. U.'s and Post Office
Alexis	Miss Altha Abernathy, Alexis, N. C.
Belmont East	Paul Johnson, Belmont, N. C.
Belmont First	Leonard Lay, Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City	Carl Harris, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bethel	No Report.
Bruington	No Report.
Center View	R. C. Fisher, Belmont, N. C.
Cherryville	Leslie Bookout, Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton	R. L. Stack, Cramerton, N. C.
Dallas	Modena Lewis, Dallas, N. C.
Flint-Groves	F. H. Huffstetler, East Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Calvary	Paul Campbell Pinkney, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, East	Miss Lena Huggins, East Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, First	Herrick Brumley, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Loray	George H. Moore, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, So. Marietta	T. M. Smarr, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Temple	Jack Truitt, Rt. 4, Gastonia, N. C.
Hardin	Miss Ruth Yarbor, Rt. 1, Dallas, N. C.
Hickory Grove	George R. Abernethy, Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.
High Shoals	J. P. Horne, High Shoals, N. C.
Hulls Grove	Miss Sallie Taylor, Rt. 3, Vale, N. C.
Long Creek Memorial	Eugenia Holland, Dallas, N. C.
Lowell	Johnnie Walker, Lowell, N. C.
McAdenville	John Wright, McAdenville, N. C.
Mount Beulah	Harry Barbee, Rt. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.
Mount Holly	Maud Sinclair, Mount Holly, N. C.
Mount Zion	W. C. Houser, Cherryville, N. C.
Ranlo	M. L. Holcomb, Ranlo, Gastonia, N. C.
Riverside	M. R. Thomas, Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.
Sandy Plains	Miss Bessie Hoffman, Rt. 1, Lowell, N. C.
Shady Grove	Bryte Bess, Rt. 1, Kings Mountain, N. C.
Spencer Mountain	Mrs. W. G. Flowers, Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.
Tuckaseege	Rose Mauney, Mount Holly, N. C.
Webb's Chapel	No Report.

OFFICERS WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Churches	Presidents and Addresses
Alexis	Miss Mamie Rhyne, Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C.
Belmont East	Mrs. B. T. Bumgardner, Belmont, N. C.
Belmont First	Mrs. C. S. Kennedy, Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City	Mrs. L. L. Teague, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bethel	No Report.
Bruington	Mrs. Frank T. Hovis, Stanley, N. C.
Center View	Mrs. S. S. Dellinger, Belmont, N. C.
Cherryville	Mrs. J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton	Jessie Sherrill, Cramerton, N. C.
Dallas	Mrs. J. W. Summey, Dallas, N. C.
Flint-Groves	Mrs. A. C. Baker, East Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Calvary	Mrs. W. A. Marley, Pinkney, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, East	Mrs. A. McCoy, East Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, First	Mrs. W. H. Hair, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastornia, Loray	Mrs. D. A. Grigg, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, So. Marietta	Mrs. E. A. Hurley, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Temple	No Report. Will organize soon.
Hardin	No Report.
Hickory Grove	No Report.
High Shoals	No Report.
Hulls Grove	Mrs. T. B. Hull, Rt. 3, Vale, N. C.
Long Creek Memorial	Mrs. F. M. Pasour, Dallas, N. C.
Lowell	Mrs. L. C. Dellinger, Lowell, N. C.
McAdenville	Mrs. Rosie Brinch, McAdenville, N. C.
Mount Beulah	Mrs. W. B. Elam, Rt. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.
Mount Holly	Mrs. N. E. Batchelor, Mount Holly, N. C.
Mount Zion	No Report.
Ranlo	Virginia Pressley, Ranlo, Gastonia, N. C.
Riverside	No Report.
Sandy Plains	Mrs. J. C. Millen, Rt. 1, Lowell, N. C.
Shady Grove	Mrs. Zoe Mauney, Rt. 1, Bessemer City, N. C.
Spencer Mountain	No Report.
Tuckaseege	No Report.
Webb's Chapel	No Report.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., GASTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1927

CHURCHES	Is it a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Members Reported Last Year	Gains: Baptisms	Gains: Letters	Gains: Statements	Gains: Restorations	Losses: Letters	Losses: Exclusions	Losses: Erasures	Losses: Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Alexis	Village	1900	C. L. Abernethy, Alexis, N. C.	2 4	174	12	1			16			2	169	No	1	1	3
2—Belmont, East	Town	1912	J. J. Duncan, Belmont, N. C.	*	377	30	10		1	41	21		1	355	Yes	1	4	20
3— First	Town	1874	W. H. Stowe, Belmont, N. C.	*	269	17	39			13		5	2	305	Yes	1	4	19
4—Bessemer City	Town	1897	J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City, N. C.	*	351	8	23	16	2	26	4	8	4	358	Yes	2	2	12
5—Bethel	Village	1926	No report since organization.															
6—Bruington	Town	1885	H. M. Craig, Stanley, N. C.	*	251	11	9			11			2	258	No	1	4	6
7—Center View	Village	1921	E. S. Auten, Belmont, N. C.	*	343	25	31	2	1	30			6	371	Yes	2	1	3
8—Cherryville	Town	1893	David P. Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.	*	471	26	24	2	2	21	17	16	8	463	Yes	1	4	31
9—Cramerton	Town	1911	W. R. Bridgeman, Cramerton, N. C.	*	384	67	38	4		45	1		1	446	Yes	2	3	25
10—Dallas	Town	1897	R. E. Cooke, Dallas, N. C.	*	185	22	16	5	1	11		14		204	Yes	2	4	20
11—Flint-Groves	Village	1923	A. L. Cline, East Gastonia, N. C.	*	325	21	25	9		25		1	1	363	Yes	1	3	5
12—Gastonia, Calvary	City	1920	W. A. Marley, Pinkney Sta., Gastonia	*	365	30	52	2	1	26		72	1	351	Yes	1	2	2
13— East	City	1900	M. T. Saunders, Jr., East Gastonia, N. C.	*	538	19	15			22	3		3	544	Yes	2	4	40
14— First	City	1876	Owen W. Moran, Gastonia, N. C.	*	744	36	98	6	1	55		5	3	822	Yes	1	4	50
15— Loray	City	1905	C. T. Settlemyer, Gastonia, N. C.	*	1071	37	86	1	17	125	4	389	5	689	Yes	1	4	25
16— So. Marietta	City	1917	E. A. Hurley, Gastonia, N. C.	*	269	14	46			31	1	1		296	Yes	1	1	15
17— Temple	City	1926	Otto Perry, R. 4, Gastonia, N. C.	*	139	48	51	3		25			1	215	Yes	3	4	4
18—Hardin	Village	1922	Justus J. Friday, R. 1, Dallas, N. C.	1 3	104	3	4			29				82	Yes	1	1	
19—Hickory Grove	Country	1873	Geo. R. Abernethy, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.	2 4	184	1	10			12			2	181	No	1	1	4
20—High Shoals	Town	1902	O. L. Glymph, High Shoals, N. C.	2 4	49	15	23	10		8			1	86	No	2		
21—Hull's Grove	Country	1890	Mrs. Bryan Hull, R. 3, Cherryville, N. C.	3	149	4	2	10			3		1	161	No	1	2	1
22—Long Creek Memorial	Country	1772	A. R. Holland, Dallas, N. C.	*	278	17	6			12			3	286	Yes	2	2	10
23—Lowell	Town	1892	R. E. Wyatt, Lowell, N. C.	*	213	60	40	10	5	15	8		2	303	Yes	2	4	10
24—McAdenville	Town	1887	D. F. Lowrance, McAdenville, N. C.	*	371	6	13	1	3	18	6		4	366	Yes	1	4	10
25—Mount Beulah	Country	1916	M. L. Black, R. 1, Bessemer City, N. C.	2 4	148	2	9			2				157	Yes	1	4	20
26—Mount Holly	Town	1889	Delmas Abernethy, Mt. Holly, N. C.	*	428	42	20	1		25				466	Yes	1	4	16
27—Mount Zion	Country	1857	W. C. Houser, Cherryville, N. C.	24	220	2	2		3	9		33	2	184	No	1	1	5
28—Ranlo	Village	1919	W. M. McPherson, Ranlo, Gastonia, N. C.	*	390	13	35			9			1	428	Yes	1	1	
29—Riverside	Country	1863	W. E. Barnes, R. 4, Lowell, N. C.	2 4	191	2	4			9			1	187	No	1	2	1
30—Sandy Plains	Country	1881	D. R. Stroup, R. 2, Cherryville, N. C.	1 3 4	140	3	1			2		2		140	No	1	2	10
31—Shady Grove	Village	1909	C. Y. Smith, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.	2 4	113	24	7			62				82	Yes	2	1	2
32—Spencer Mountain	Village	1912	J. A. Guice, Mt. Holly, N. C.	2 4	94	12	12	3	2				1	122	Yes	1	4	2
33—Tuckaseege	Village	1927	Willie Paysour, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.	1 3	22	11	41	1					1	75	Yes	1	1	1
34—Webb's Chapel	Country	1892	F. B. Carpenter, Lincolnton, N. C.	1 3	51	7	4			6				56	No	1	2	
					9430	647	797	86	39	741	68	546	58	9571		44	85	372

* Full time.

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, Cherryville, State of North Carolina

TABLE II---SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF GASTON COUNTY

CHURCHES	Is it a Village, Town, City or Country Church?	SECRETARIES AND POST OFFICES
1—Alexis	Village	A. L. McAlister, Alexis, N. C.
2—Belmont, East	Town	C. G. Rumfelt, Belmont, N. C.
3— First	Town	T. O. Crowell, Belmont, N. C.
4—Bessemer City	Town	D. J. Wolfe, Bessemer City, N. C.
5—Bethel	Village	No report since organization.
6—Bruington	Town	Edgar McKelvey, Stanley, N. C.
7—Center View	Village	Miss Hazel Abernethy, Mt. Holly, N. C.
8—Cherryville	Town	V. M. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.
9—Cramerton	Town	W. R. Bush, Cramerton, N. C.
10—Dallas	Town	Miss May Durham, Dallas, N. C.
11—Flint-Groves	Village	W. D. Jenkins, East Gastonia, N. C.
12—Gastonia, Calvary	City	Mrs. Gussie Rich, Pinkney Sta., Gastonia, N. C.
13— East	City	D. M. Robinson, Gastonia, N. C.
14— First	City	W. M. Severance, Gastonia, N. C.
15— Loray	City	Paul Vaughan, Gastonia, N. C.
16— So. Marietta	City	Preston Whisnant, Gastonia, N. C.
17— Temple	City	L. L. Willis, R. 4, Gastonia, N. C.
18—Hardin	Village	Ernest Friday, Rt. 1, Dallas, N. C.
19—Hickory Grove	Country	J. L. Hunt, R. 2, Mt. Holly, N. C.
20—High Shoals	Town	J. S. McFadden ,High Shoals, N. C.
21—Hull's Grove	Country	Miss Zona Miller, R. 3, Vale, N. C.
22—Long Creek Memorial	Country	Carl Holland, Dallas, N. C.
23—Lowell	Town	Robert Reid, Lowell, N. C.
24—McAdenville	Town	Ed. Costner, McAdenville, N. C.
25—Mount Beulah	Country	Miss Mildred Paysour, R.1, Bessemer City, N.C.
26—Mount Holly	Town	C. E. Lowrance, Mt. Holly, N. C.
27—Mount Zion	Country	Miss Virginia Ross, Cherryville, N. C.
28—Ranlo	Village	M. L. Holcomb, Ranlo, Gastonia, N. C.
29—Riverside	Country	Miss Mary Hoffman, R. 1, Lowell, N. C.
30—Sandy Plains	Country	Daisy B. Witherspoon, R. 2, Cherryville
31—Shady Grove	Village	JoJhn E. McGraw, R. 2, Lowell.
32—Spencer Mountain	Village	Paul Lowe, Mt. Holly, N. C.
33—Tuckaseege	Village	B. M. Causky, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.
34—Webb's Chapel	Country	C. W. Carpenter, R. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk of Gaston

ATIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, SEPTEMBER 30, 1927

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION											
Teachers 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Total Enrollment	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions, Orphanage, etc.	Have you a Mission Sunday School?	Enrollment of Mission Sunday School	Did you hold a Daily Vacation Bible School?	Enrollment Daily Vacation School	Average Attendance Daily Vacation School
10								150	115	No	No	6	11	$ 54.31	$ 46.00	No	Nothing to report in this column.	No		
27	80	47	58	63	70	60		405	293	Yes	No	6	30	372.06	576.80	No		No		
14	28	17	28	36	57	88	14	282	150	No	No	7	13	350.54	566.33	No		No		
21	23	38	74	31	64	129	52	55	487	204	Yes	No	8	6	185.54	50.32		Yes	133	107
14	18	30	42	50	30	30	10		224	140	Yes	No	4	7			No	No		
14	40		79	62	39	109			343	207	No	No		20		14.07	No	No		
32	27	46	67	36	84	85	44	15	445	169	Yes	Yes	21	23	229.88	774.81	No	No		
31	49	91	62	63	87	107			490	357	Yes	No								
12	17	20	34	24	50	47	20	12	230	128	No	No	11	14	268.36	182.68	No	No		
15									480	286	No	No		8	97.12	125.00	No	No		
N.C. 11	18	20	40	10		110	6		215	175					365.56					
28	17	45	49	48	72	87			345	275	Yes	No	6	19	469.37	279.65	No	No		
35	45	82	97	92	48	472	72	46	1039	455	Yes	Yes	62	36		1,086.69	No	Yes	234	183
73	95	110	201	150	142	426	296	105	1598	601	Yes	Yes	37	37	676.35	724.93	No	No		
27	28	35	38	49	34	69	7		287	185	No	No	13	10	329.80	80.00	No	No		
14	36	39	49	40	48	65			291	175	No	No	4	33	152.00	74.12	No	No		
8	20	14	17	18	22	19			118	80	No	No			30.00		No	No		
11	22	14	11	12	18	48			136	70	No	No	2		181.15	110.79	No	No		
10									174	120	No	No		15	86.57	11.57				
11	12	17	24	26	11	23	33		157	64	No	No	5	4	42.50	8.01	No	Yes	50	47
15	17	19	23	37	28	51			190	143	Yes	No	1	17	515.19	64.21	No	No		
13									295	247	No	No	16	42	226.44	439.07	No	Yes	62	56
13									368	225	No	No	12		472.59	299.21	No	No		
N.C. 10	15	6	14	16	25	25			111	60	No	No	5	1	19.78	71.72	No	No		
60	25	60	90	70	54	60	10		429	250	Yes	No	4	30	1,000.00		No	No		
9	20		26			71			126	113	No	No		1	32.25	32.35	No	No		
28									420	240	Yes	No		13	193.55	80.08	No	No		
10	29		15	13	31	43			141	72	No	No		2		54.50	No	No		
7	21		14	15	46				103	55	No	No	1	1	37.95	20.41	No	No		
8							12		102	83	No			24		77.87	No	No		
10	22	18	20	12	49	45	10		186	110	No	Yes	1			87.83				
9		38	32		35	63	20		189	141	No	No		11	151.53	8.54				
7	3	5	12	8	10	6	4		55											
360	697	411	1225	981	1155	2338	610	233	10617	6088			233	432	$6,490.39	$6,667.56			479	393

ty Baptist Association, P. O. Cherryville, State of North Carolina

TABLE III---Church Property of Gaston County Baptist Association, Sept. 30, 19

CHURCHES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When was it Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Are All Departments in Sunday School Provided For?	Are All Sunday School Classes Provided For?	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Mission Chapel if Any	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1—Alexis	Yes	1904	Wood	400	5	No	No	$ 2,000	Nothing to report in this column.		$ 2,000	None	None
2—Belmont, East	Yes	1912	Wood	700	8	No	No	10,000		$ 3,000	13,000		$ 5,5
3— First	Yes	1874	Brick	600	6	No	No	16,000		12,000	28,000		16,0
4—Bessemer City	Yes	1922	Brick	500	13	No	No	40,000		3,000	43,000	15,000	15,0
5—Bethel	No report since organization												
6—Bruington	Yes	1924	Brick	320	11	Yes	Yes	20,000		3,000	23,000	9,000	10,0
7—Center View	Yes	1925	Wood	1200	15	Yes	Yes	4,800		2,500	7,300	3,986	4,6
8—Cherryville	Yes	1921	Brick	600	23	Yes	Yes	80,000		5,000	85,000	15,000	45,0
9—Cramerton	*No	1911	Brick	500	7	No	No	50,000		2,700	52,700		
10—Dallas	Yes	1914	Brick	600	6	No	No	20,000		10,000	30,000		10,0
11—Flint-Groves	Yes	1924	Brick	450	12	Yes	Yes	11,850			11,850	2,500	9,0
12—Gastonia, Calvary	Yes	1923	Brick	415	8	Yes	Yes	20,000		3,000	23,000	9,500	12,0
13— East	Yes	1915	Brick	600	10	Yes	Yes	55,000		4,000	59,000	3,173	
14— First	Yes	1923	Brick	1392	26	Yes	Yes	250,000		30,000	280,000		102,0
15— Loray	Yes	1906	Wood	1200	41	Yes	Yes	70,000		20,000	90,000		35,0
16— So. Marietta	Yes	1917	Brick	400	11	No	No	25,000			25,000		
17— Temple	No			250	9	No	No	620			620	200	
18—Hardin	No												
19—Hickory Grove	Yes	1906	Wood	500	3	No	No	5,000			5,000		
20—High Shoals	Yes	1902	Wood	350	1	No	No	1,500			1,500		
21—Hull's Grove	Yes	1890	Wood	500	2	No	No	2,000			2,000		1,5
22—Long Creek Memorial	Yes	1920	Brick	1000	11	Yes	Yes	55,000		2,500	57,500	8,000	10,0
23—Lowell	Yes	1893	Wood	400	6	No	No	5,000		8,000	13,000	125	
24—McAdenville	Yes	1887	Wood	400	9	Yes	Yes	5,000		2,000	7,000		6,0
25—Mount Beulah	Yes	1916	Wood	400	2	No	No	4,000			4,000		
26—Mount Holly	Yes	1926	Brick	1000	18	Yes	Yes	47,500		8,000	55,500	15,000	30,0
27—Mount Zion	Yes	1903	Wood	500	4	No	No	3,500			3,500		
28—Ranlo	Yes	1922	Brick	400	14	Yes	Yes	15,000		3,500	18,500	2,500	10,0
29—Riverside	Yes	1875	Wood	500	4	No	No	2,000			2,000		7
30—Sandy Plains	Yes	1881	Wood	500	3	No	No	1,500			1,500		
31—Shady Grove	No			250									
32—Spencer Mountain	Yes	1912	Wood	200	1	No	No	5,000		1,800	6,800		
33—Tuckaseege	Yes	1927	Wood	300		No	No	2,000			2,000	190	1,2
34—Webb's Chapel	Yes	1892	Wood	250	1	No	No	2,000			2,000		3
				17577	291			$831,270		$124,000	$955,270	$84,174	$323,8

* Built by others for use this church.

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, P. O. Cherryville, State of North Carolina

TABLE IV---GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPT. 30, 1927

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK									
		(1) Pastor's Salary	(1) Other Salaries	(1) Ministerial Help and Supply	(1) Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B.Y.P.U and W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total for Support Local Church Work
1—Alexis	F. B. Morris, Alexis, N. C.	$ 247	-----	$ 60	$ 78	$ 12.00	$ 78.38	$ 8.00	$ 5.35	-----	$ 488.73
2—Belmont, East	C. G. Rumfelt, Belmont, N. C.	2,600	-----	215	92	416.62	366.11	46.50	10.26	-----	3,746.49
3— First	R. B. Suggs, Belmont, N. C.	2,000	-----	147	1,506	133.57	389.03	-------	12.00		4,188.22
4—Bessemer City	J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City, N. C.	2,000	-----	223	3,446	175.00	175.88	-------	8.00	$ 133.32	6,161.55
5—Bethel	No report since organization.										
6—Bruington	Chas. E. Ware, Stanley, N. C.	1,812	-----	78	1,747	99.60	-------	-------	------	69.47	3,805.21
7—Center View	C. C. Holtzclaw, Belmont, N. C.	1,300	-	60	8	87.50	125.00	12.00	2.00	-	1,594.50
8—Cherryville	J. W. Kendrick, Cherryville, N. C.	3,000	$ 101	---	2,240	242.09	254.88	20.00	13.89	406.55	6,278.80
9—Cramerton	D. M. Ballard, Cramerton, N. C.	3,000	---	843		375.14	553.74	9.05	10.00		47,890.93
10—Dallas	R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.	2,000	120	115	2,125	106.47	177.26	---	5.00	204.63	4,852.79
11—Flint-Groves	P. A. Cline, East Gastonia, N. C.	1,109	------	105	1,954	354.42	126.48	71.67	10.00	567.62	4,298.97
12—Gastonia, Calvary	J. E. Campbell, Pinkney Sta., Gastonia, N. C.	1,838	-----	111	3,025	395.13	123.00	-------	10.50	-	5,502.09
13— East	C. O. Long, Gastonia, N. C.	2,075		251	1,319	58.77	469.37	-	15.00	550.00	4,738.46
14— First	A. Froneburger, Gastonia, N. C.	4,500	3,751	1,150	11,752	5,606.33	783.64	134.50	25.00	58.39	27,760.60
15— Loray	R. C. Blanton, Gastonia, N. C.	3,500	350	285	345	1,390.00	692.20	161.83	10.00	1,329.49	8,063.82
16— So. Marietta	W. N. Adair, Gastonia, N. C.	2,080	-----	65	1,000	271.30	129.23	3.60	5.00	44.00	3,598.13
17— Temple	V. B. Shepherd, R. 4, Gastonia, N. C.	1,463	-----	127	861	38.07	152.00	-------	3.00	22.56	2,666.52
18—Hardin	Justus J. Friday, R. 1, Dallas, N. C.	300	------	25	-	30.00	42.00	-------	2.46	60.00	459.46
19—Hickory Grove	Geo. R. Abernethy, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.C	416	------	100	692	109.05	128.64	-------	5.00	37.15	1,487.96
20—High Shoals	). L. Glymph, High Shoals, N. C.	486	---	---	25	70.05	62.17	----	2.00	-	644.92
21—Hull's Grove	W. L. Cansler, R. 3, Vale, N. C.	300	------	18		--	63.22	6.50	---	12.90	400.45
22—Long Creek Memorial	T. S. Summey, Dallas, N. C.	1,120	------	275	1,146	146.10	96.77	-------	3.00	187.53	2,974.72
23—Lowell	). C. Reid, Lowell, N. C.	1,729	------	233	2,160	160.84	226.44	--	10.00	360.35	4,879.29
24—McAdenville	). E. Austin, McAdenville, N. C.	2,080	------	175	130	117.45	102.60	54.32	10.53	588.40	3,257.99
25—Mount Beulah	W. B. Elam, R. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.	438	------	142		41.00	19.78	-	4.71		645.34
26—Mount Holly	). L. Hoffman, Mount Holly, N. C.	2,200	-----	360	2,842	1,085.00	370.00	20.00	10.00	200.00	7,087.00
27—Mount Zion	). J. Dellinger, R. 1, Cherryville, N. C.	300	-----	80	46	18.35	32.25	---	5.00	---	481.55
28—Ranlo	\. C. Warlick, R. 2, Gastonia, N. C.	1,065	---	74	2,388	258.71	18.71	---	5.00	-	3,809.42
29—Riverside	T. A. Jenkins, R. 3, Gastonia, N. C.	400	------	60		48.95	52.39	25.00	2.91	275.00	864.25
30—Sandy Plains	D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville, N. C.	425	----	57	1,000	5.00	35.25	-----	4.25	-	1,526.45
31—Shady Grove	). Y. Smith, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.	281	48	183	--	2.50	195.21	-------	2.45	125.00	837.61
32—Spencer Mountain	Miss Essie Hawkins, Mount Holly, N. C.	449	69	76	62	34.00	62.95	-------	3.63	44.85	801.37
33—Tuckaseege	Ross Bumgarner, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.	121	83	-----	934	--------	36.64	-------	------	19.84	1,194.18
34—Webb's Chapel	W. R. Huffstetler, R. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.	86	20	2		----	8.50		.35	2.50	119.35
		$46.720	$ 4.542	$ 5.695	$42,923	$11,907.81	$6,149.73	$ 572.97	$ 216.29	$5,299.55	$124,008.10

(1) Cents omitted by included in totals at right.

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, P. O. Cherryville, State of North Carolina

TABLE V---GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, ETC., GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPT. 30, 1927

CHURCHES	Gifts to the Co-operative Program	THESE COLUMNS TO BE USED FOR "SPECIALS" OR DESIGNATED GIFTS ONLY: City Missions	Association Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges	Hospitals	Orphanages	Aged Ministers' Relief	Foreign Relief	Total All Missions, Education and Benevolence	Grand Total for All Local Church Expenses and All Missions and Benevolences	Tithers in Our Church	Budget for Local Expenses Adopted	Budget for All Missions, Etc., Adopted	Pledged to Co-operative Program Next Year
1—Alexis	$ 78.30	This item not given in reports.	$ 1.30	$ 41.40	$ 17.54	$ 10.00	$ 5.00			$ 38.00		This item not given in reports.	$ 191.54	$ 680.57				This item not given in reports.
2—Belmont, East	990.26			27.86	18.15	36.37	26.29		$ 6.21	555.51			1,660.65	5,407.14	10	Yes	Yes	
3— First	814.68									566.33			1,381.01	5,569.23				
4—Bessemer City	181.28			14.43	28.15	9.55	17.00		10.00	67.09			327.50	6,489.05		Yes		
5—Bethel	*																	
6—Bruington				93.70	25.00	46.14				64.50			229.34	4,034.55	5	No	Yes	
7—Center View					6.73		14.07			60.00			80.80	1,675.30				
8—Cherryville	1,079.70			128.92	50.00	50.00	27.75	$ 52.50	27.50	249.52			1,665.89	7,944.69	15	Yes	No	
9—Cramerton	617.95			5.00	7.43	20.00			35.55	130.26			816.19	5,607.12				
10—Dallas	364.35						6.00	101.50	11.08	150.10			633.03	5,485.82	15			
11—Flint-Groves	28.26						20.00			125.00			173.26	4,472.23				
12—Gastonia, Calvary	123.60												123.60	5,625.69				
13— East	956.35							22.50		279.65			1,258.50	5,996.96	10	Yes		
14— First	12,141.86									1,385.14			13,527.00	41,287.60		Yes	Yes	
15— Loray	1,025.74			10.00	16.20	25.65	123.24	63.00	71.84	709.64			2,045.31	10,109.13				
16— So. Marietta	134.04					47.17				80.00			261.21	3,859.34				
17— Temple	34.25									74.12			108.37	2,774.89	21	Yes		
18—Hardin	**													459.46				
19—Hickory Grove	153.48								13.45				166.93	1,654.89				
20—High Shoals			7.55										7.55	652.47				
21—Hull's Grove	14.32				1.83					8.01			24.16	424.61	3			
22—Long Creek Memorial	75.25									62.21			137.46	3,112.18				
23—Lowell	392.95									78.72			471.67	5,350.96		Yes		
24—McAdenville	1,141.80									299.21			1,441.01	4,699.00				
25—Mount Beulah	8.15			5.60	9.30	31.09	25.65		7.10	23.50	8.85		119.24	764.58		No		
26—Mount Holly	40.00									140.00			180.00	7,267.00	2	Yes	Yes	
27—Mount Zion	65.00												65.00	546.55		No		
28—Ranlo	114.08						5.00				16.00		135.08	3,944.50		No		
29—Riverside				28.00	14.10	14.10				79.50			135.70	999.95	2	No		
30—Sandy Plains				4.50	5.00	31.37	24.05	5.50		23.00	7.00		100.42	1,626.87		No		
31—Shady Grove	**													839.61				
32—Spencer Mountain	87.83			32.09									119.92	921.29				
33—Tuckaseege	**													1,194.18				
34—Webb's Chapel				2.00	1.00	3.00				3.50			9.50	128.85				
	$20,663.48		$ 8.85	$393.50	$200.43	$324.44	$294.05	$245.00	$182.73	$5,252.51	$ 31.85		$ 27,596.76	$151,606.28	83			

* No report since organization. ** Nothing reported.

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, P. O. Cherryville, State of North Carolina

TABLE VI---B. Y. P. U.'S of Gaston County Baptist Association, Sept. 30, 1927

CHURCHES	THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK												
	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Systematic Givers in All Unions	Total Number Daily Bible Readers
exis	____	1	____	1	2	1	____	15	____	22	37	1	____
lmont, East	____	1	1	1	3	____	____	19	17	20	56	____	____
First	____	1	____	1	2	____	____	30	____	31	61	____	____
ssemer City	____	1	1	1	3	____	____	22	20	18	60	____	____
thel	____ *	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____
uington	____ *	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____
nter View	____	1	1	1	3	2	____	28	____	17	45	25	28
erryville	____	1	1	1	3	3	____	24	22	31	77	53	45
ramerton	____	1	2	2	5	____	____	20	27	46	93	____	____
llas	____	____	1	2	3	____	____	____	18	22	40	13	18
int-Groves	1	1	1	1	4	1	16	18	20	24	78	63	55
stonia, Calvary	____	1	1	1	3	____	____	25	20	18	63	22	24
East	____	1	2	1	4	____	____	24	34	25	83	____	____
First	____	1	2	1	4	4	____	28	49	30	107	60	40
Loray	1	2	4	4	11	11	15	30	40	30	115	82	76
So. Marietta	____	1	1	1	3	____	____	16	13	16	45	42	40
Temple	____	1	1	1	3	____	____	20	24	24	68	50	52
rdin	____	____	____	1	1	____	____	____	____	32	32	20	18
ckory Grove	____	1	1	1	3	____	____	13	13	17	43	15	11
gh Shoals	____	1	____	1	2	____	____	20	____	21	41	____	____
ull's Grove	1	____	____	____	1	1	24	____	____	____	24	20	20
ng Creek Memorial	____	1	____	1	2	____	____	24	____	9	33	24	12
well	____	1	1	1	3	____	____	30	23	35	88	____	____
cAdenville	____	____	1	____	1	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____
ount Beulah	____	1	1	____	2	____	____	17	____	20	37	29	____
ount Holly	____	1	1	1	3	____	____	15	15	10	40	6	6
ount Zion	____	1	____	1	2	____	____	22	____	15	37	____	____
anlo	1	1	2	3	7	7	24	24	30	45	123	35	75
verside	____	1	____	____	1	____	____	23	____	____	23	15	20
ndy Plains	____	1	____	____	1	1	____	18	____	____	18	15	14
ady Grove	____	____	____	1	1	____	____	____	____	19	19	____	16
encer Mountain	____	1	____	1	2	2	____	32	____	23	55	____	6
ckaseege	____	1	____	1	2	____	____	25	____	20	45	17	15
ebb's Chapel	____ *	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____
	4	27	26	33	91	33	79	582	385	640	1686	517	591

No report.

D. ID P. DELLINGER, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, P. O. Cherryville, State of North Carolina

TABLE VII---Woman's Work, Gaston County Baptist Association, Sept. 30, 19

CHURCHES	Number of Woman's Missionary Societies	Number of Y.W.A.'s	Number of G.A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W.M.U. Organizations	W.M.S. Members	Y.W.A.'s Members	G.A.'s Members	R.A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Gifts to Local Church Work (1)	Gifts to Missions and Benevolences 1)	Total Gifts All Purposes
1—Alexis	1			This item not given.		1	13			This item not given.		13	11	$ 31.26	$ 135.34	$ 166
2—Belmont, East	1				1	2	20				24	44				
3— First	1	1			1	3	12	26			23	61	28		367.22	367
4—Bessemer City	1	1	1		1	4	30	8	6		12	56		310.00	151.83	461
5—Bethel	*															
6—Bruington	*															
7—Center View														50.00		50
8—Cherryville	1					1	43					43			538.90	538
9—Cramerton	1	1				2	25	23				48	38		417.80	417
10—Dallas	1		1			2	20		17			37	11	81.45	276.66	358
11—Flint-Groves	1					1	17					17		125.00	13.10	138
12—Gastonia, Calvary	1					1	10					10		303.00		303
13— East	2				1	3					25	25		550.00		550
14— First	1	1	2		1	5	160	20	32		31	243			3,769.67	3,769
15— Loray	1				1	2	60				40.	100	15	82.63	590.54	673
16— So. Marietta	1					1	20					20		216.33	47.17	263
17— Temple	*															
18—Hardin	*															
19—Hickory Grove	*															
20—High Shoals	*															
21—Hull's Grove	1				1	2	10				25	35				
22—Long Creek Memorial	1					1	10					10			15.25	15
23—Lowell	1					1	27					27		414.50	40.00	454
24—McAdenville	1		1		1	3										
25—Mount Beulah	1					1	12					12			16.15	16
26—Mount Holly	1				1	2	20				10	30	5	507.07	111.45	618
27—Mount Zion	*															
28—Ranlo	*															
29—Riverside	1				1	2	18				32	50		275.00	49.17	324
30—Sandy Plains	1					1	7					7			5.00	5
31—Shady Grove	*															
32—Spencer Mountain	1					1	12					12		44.85		44
33—Tuckaseege	*															
34—Webb's Chapel	*															
	23	4	5		10	42	545	77	55		222	900	108	$2,991.09	$6,545.25	$9,536

(1) Report also includes some collections through churches. * No report

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, P. O. Cherryville, State of North Caroli

Constitution

Name

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "The Gaston County Baptist Association".

Object

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the gospel (as we hold it) to the people within the bounds of the Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, pastors of the churches in the Association, and Messengers from the churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof over and above 200 members and also one additional messenger for every five thousand dollars or fraction thereof, contributed to the causes of the two conventions.

Officers

Article 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, a Treasurer and a Clerk, all of whom shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall correspond to the duties of the same officers in like organizations, or as defined by the Association from time to time.

Boards and Committees

Article 5. The Association shall elect an Exectuive Committee each year whose duties shall be to look after having the gospel preached in all parts of the Association, and to attend to all business of the Association between the sessions, and to make such reports as they deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Association. The Association may appoint or elect such other Boards or Committees from time to time as circumstances may require.

Time of Meeting

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually, on Tuesday after the Third Sunday in October. The Moderator may at the request of the Executive Committee change the time or the place of meeting of this Association when it may be deemed by him not expedient to meet at the time or place appointed.

Vacancies

Article 7. The Moderator in concurrence with the Executive

Committee may fill any vacancy occurring between meetings of the Association.

Amendments

Article 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the number enrolled on the first day of the Association.

By-Laws

No By-Laws Adopted: The Association follows Kerfoot's Rules of Order for Parliamentary authority.

HISTORICAL

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1919	Gastonia First	D. F. Putnam	H. B. Moore	David P. Dellinger
1920	Long Creek Memor'l	T. H. King	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1921	Cherryville	T. M. Kester	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1922	Cramerton	T. M. Kester	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1923	Loray Gastonia	E. C. Andrews	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1924	Mount Zion	J. O. Fulbright	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1925	Alexis	W. T. Baucom	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1926	Flint-Groves	O. W. Triplett	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1927	Hickory Grove	J. J. Beach	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger

MAILING CHURCH LETTERS

The Association requires that the Clerks of the several churches prepare and mail to the Clerk of the Association all Letters to the Association at least ten (10) days before the annual meeting.

Further, that the Asociational Year close on the 30th day of September each year.

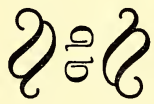
Therefore, no colections made, members received or business done on or after October 1st, should be included in the previous year's report. It is important that this rule be observed for uniformity of the facts and statistics.

FUND FOR MINUTES AND PRINTING

The Fund for Minutes and Printing should be sent with the Letter to avoid delay in the printing and delivery of the Minutes.

GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA



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MARIETTA STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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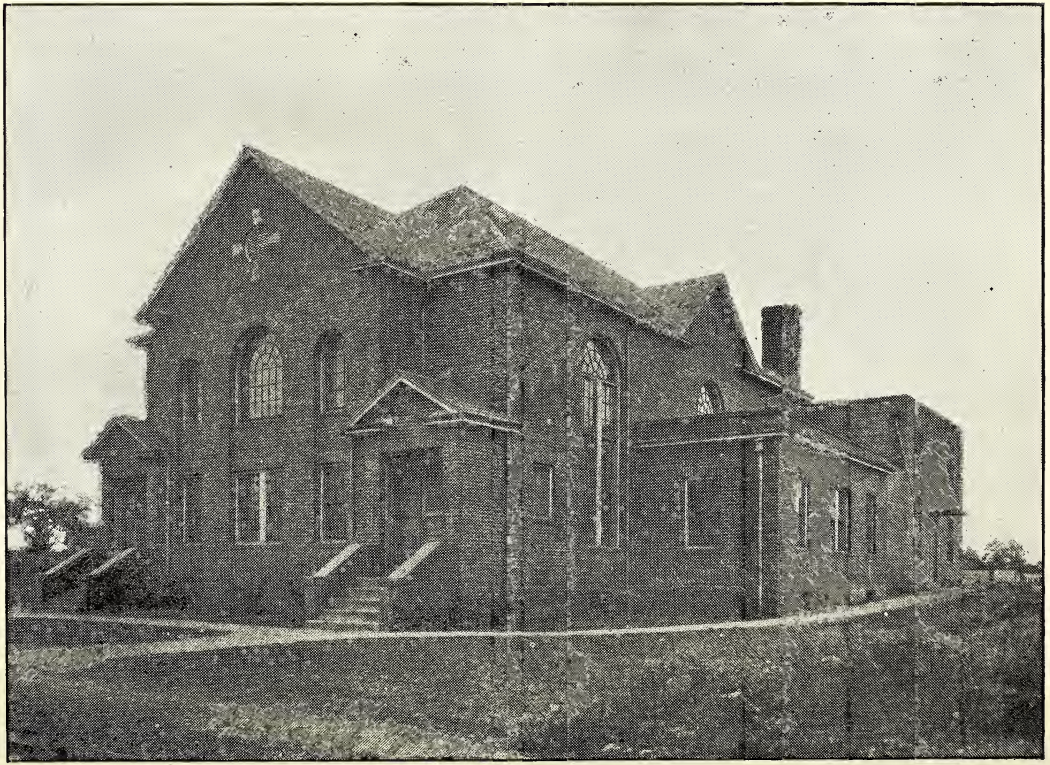

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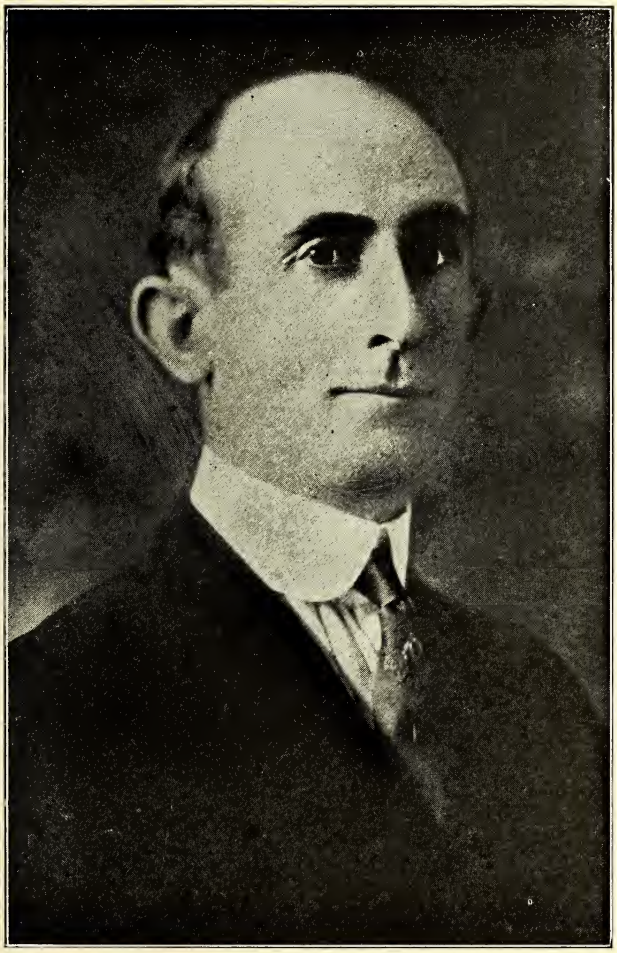
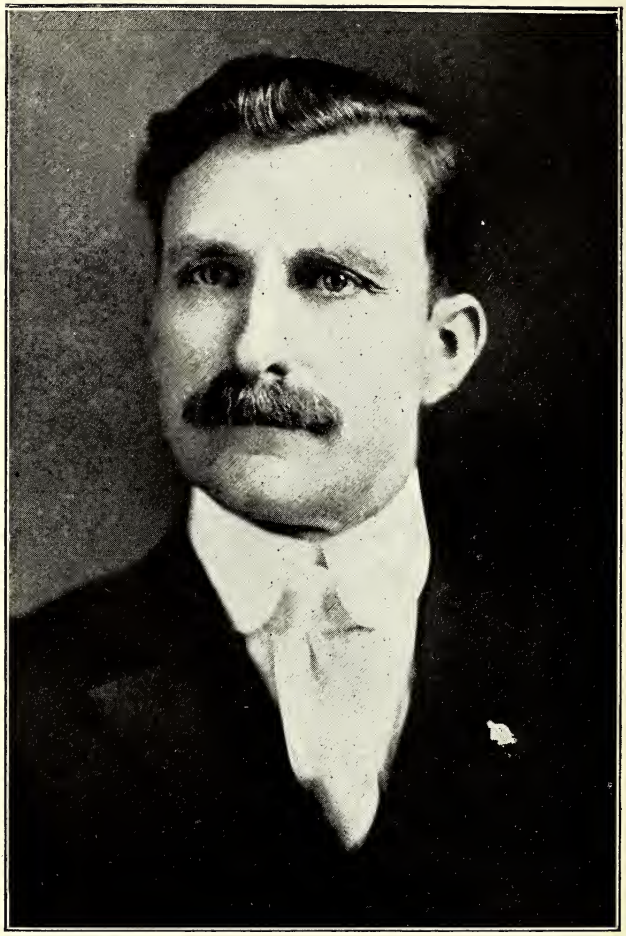


W. J. FRANCIS, Moderator
BELMONT, N. C.



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CHERRYVILLE, N. C.

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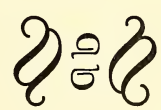

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Officers

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R. S. Lewis, Vice-Moderator ..... Dallas, N. C.
David P. Dellinger, Clerk ..... Cherryville, N. C.
David P. Dellinger, Treasurer ..... Cherryville, N. C.

Executive Committee

W. J. Francis ..... Belmont, N. C.
Dr. B. A. Bowers ..... Gastonia, N. C.
Dr. J. W. Whitley ..... Gastonia, N. C.
R. G. Mace ..... Belmont, N. C.
W. T. Baucom ..... Dallas, N. C.
J. J. Beach ..... Cherryville, N. C.
E. V. Hudson ..... Cramerton, N. C.

Chairmen of Committee to Report in 1929

B. Y. P. U.—J. H. Fagan, Gastonia, N. C.
Denominational Schools—J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.
Education—Joe S. Wray, Gastonia, N. C.
Foreign Missions—Dr. E. V. Hudson, Cramerton, N. C.
Home Missions—Frank L. Snyder, Bessemer City, N. C.
Hospitals—J. P. Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.
Ministerial Relief—Dr. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia, N. C.
Obituaries—O. W. Triplett, Stanley, N. C.
Orphanage—R. B. Suggs, Belmont, N. C.
Public Morals—Dr. J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.
Religious Literature—T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia, N. C.
State Missions—W. A. Hoffman, Gastonia, N. C.
Stewardship—E. B. Denny, Gastonia, N. C.
Woman's Work—Mrs. W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.
Sunday Schools—Bryan Hurd, Cramerton, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARIES

President B. Y. P. U. Convention—J. H. Fagan, Gastonia, N. C.

President W. M. U.—Mrs. W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Member State Mission Board—Dr. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia, N. C.

Delegates Baptist State Convention—B. T. Baucom, Dallas, N. C.; T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia, N. C.; and R. C. Mace, Belmont, N. C.

Delegate Southern Baptist Convention—Dr. J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.

Associational Institutions

Boiling Springs Junior College

Dr. J. B. Davis, President_____Boiling Springs, N. C.

Trustees

J. H. Quinn, Chairman, Shelby, N. C.

Term Expires 1929

R. F. Craig, Stanley, N. C.
W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Term Expires 1930

A. U. Stroup, Mount Holly, N. C.
J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.

Term Expires 1931

J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.
R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.

Term Expires 1932

Dr. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia, N. C.
W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

Term Expires 1933

D. P. Stowe, Belmont, N. C.
N. B. Kendrick, Cherryville, N. C.

THE GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST LOAN FUND

Executive Secretary—W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Loan Committee—J. P. Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.; M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia, N. C., and R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.

Associational Missionary or Other Paid Employee—None.

Standing Committee—None.

Representative of Laymen's Movement—None.

The Auxiliary Meetings—The Association has no W. M. U. Auxiliary, Sunday School Convention, B. Y. P. U. or Laymen's Convention which meets at the same time or during sessions of the Association.

MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God—Col. 4:12.

(Adopted at the Organization of the Association November 4, 1919).

List of Messengers
1928 SESSION

ALEXIS—Miss Viola Abernethy, D. P. Bynum, Mrs. D. P. Bynum, Mrs. E. C. Rhyne, E. C. Rhyne.

BELMONT EAST—C. G. Rumfelt, R. G. Mace, Cora Yount, Miss Addie Cash, R. C. Fisher, W. L. Chapman.

BELMONT FIRST—W. J. Francis.

BESSEMER CITY—Frank L. Snyder.

BETHEL—H. W. Baucom, Lester Thornburg, K. B. Plumley, M. P. Bell, L. R. Holland, M. L. Capps.

BRUINGTON—O. W. Triplett, Mrs. S. A. Stroup, Mrs. George R. Grice, S. A. Stroup.

CENTER VIEW—Not represented.

CHERRYVILLE—David P. Dellinger, Loy Stroup, W. J. T. Styers, R. B. Hicks, Lillian Williams, Ava Stroup, Mrs. R. B. Hicks.

CRAMERTON—Dr. E. V. Hudson, C. O. Nixon, R. M. Lowe, Bryan Hurd, Mrs. C. O. Nixon.

DALLAS—W. E. Rhyne, A. A. High, W. T. Baucom.

GASTONIA CALVARY—V. M. Shepherd, G. W. Davis, Mrs. V. M. Shepherd.

GASTONIA EAST—Mrs. D. H. Campbell, T. L. Cashwell, Mrs. T. L. Cashwell, Mrs. W. H. Huggins.

GASTONIA FIRST—R. J. Dellinger, Mrs. B. A. Bowers, B. A. Bowers, Owen W. Moran.

GASTONIA FLINT GROVE—A. L. Cline, Joe Webb, Tom Webb, W. W. Cloer, Mrs. F. A. Hall, J. Z. Perry, Fanny Stowe, Mrs. G. C. Hampton, Mrs. L. E. Hartman, Ruth Kale, Mrs. A. A. Haggard, A A. Haggard, Mrs. Joe McKinzie.

GASTONIA LORAY—Dr. J. W. Whitley, J. P. Thomas, Maud Webb.

GASTONIA MARIETTA STREET—W. Luther Hawkins, L. G. Redding, E. A. Hurley.

GASTONIA TEMPLE—W. Arthur Hoffman.

HARDIN—J. H. Stafford, R. H. Hedgepeth.

HICKORY GROVE—D. L. Abernethy.

HIGH SHOALS—Ed. Brown.

HULL'S GROVE—C. M. Robinson.

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL—Brooks Paysour, Audie Moore, E. G. Ledford, Mrs. John Mobley, Mrs. T. C. Smith, T. C. Smith.

LOWELL FIRST—J. A. Funderburke, Mrs. Ralth Featherstone, Mrs. Ida Hoffman, Mrs. L. C. Dellinger, L. L. Jessup, Mrs. A. E. Clemmer, A. E. Clemmer.

McADENVILLE—J. Will Rankin.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—Not represented.

MOUNT BEULAH—L. A. Barbee.

MOUNT HOLLY—W. W. Skidmore.

MOUNT ZION—W. L. Walters, W. C. Houser, Flossie Mae Carpenter, Wesley Dellinger, Mrs. H. M. Houser.

RANLO—W. L. Smith, E. G. Canipe.

RIVERSIDE—R. U. Brooks, Boyden Abernethy, Lula Costner.

SANDY PLAINS—Carl Warren, Geo. Moton, George Warren, D. B. Harwell.

SHADY GROVE—D. R. Stroup, Amos Kiser.

SPENCER MOUNTAIN—A. B. Booger, Mrs. J. A. Graham.

TUCKASEEGE—A. A. Lockee, M. T. Stafford.

WEBB'S CHAPEL—W. R. Huffstetler.

WOODLAWN—C. F. Comstock, W. P. Walker, C. R. Stack.

VISITORS ENROLLED

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, of State Mission Board, Raleigh, N. C.; J. M. Page, representing Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C.; L. V. Hovis, R. W. Hovis, Mrs. T. A. Lineberger, W. W. Rimmer and Mrs. W. W. Rimmer, Spindale, N. C.; Mrs. J. W. Rimmer, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. R. G. Mace, E. Norfleet Gardner, Thomasville, N. C.; G. T. Lumpkin, Supt. Baptist Hospital and Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin, Winston-Salem, N C.; Mrs. C. G. Rumfelt, Allie McGee, Mrs. H. W. Baucom, G. C. Hampton, Mrs. M. M. Parker, Mrs. Wm. T. Baucom, Mrs. J. W. Summey, M. P. Rhyne, P. A. Cline, Jess Smith, J. M. Page, Lena Huggins, Mrs. R. L. Helderman, D. F. Putnam, Shelby, N C.; J. H. Quinn, Shelby, N. C.; Dr. J. B. Davis, President Boiling Springs Jnior College, Boiling Springs, N. C.; J. W. Suttle, Moderator, Kings Mountain Association, Shelby, N. C.; G. P. Abernethy, B. E. Carpenter, Geo. L. Mullis, Buffalo, S. C.; A. E. Teague, Rock Hill, S. C.; R. L. Smith, New Brookland, S. C.; Paul Smawley, Bostic, N. C.; Mrs. B. H. Carpenter, Bessemer City, N. C.; Hazel Arrowood, Boiling Springs, N. C.; J. L. Jenkins, Boiling Springs, N. C.; C. J. Black, Kings Mountain, N. C.; R. L. Gaddis, Forest City, N. C.; Mrs. Frank H. Morris, Mrs. O. W. Triplett, J. R. Robbins, Boiling Springs, N. C.; Wyman Wood, Forest City, N. C.; J. D. Huggins, Dean Boiling Springs Junior College, A. C. Warlick, Oscar Bolch, Robert I. Lay, Odus L. McGinnas, Derwood Whisnant, Margaret Small, Essie Humphries, of Boiling Spring Junior College, Mrs. J. S. Hawkins.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Tenth Annual Session

OF THE

GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

MARIETTA STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

GASTONIA, N. C.

FIRST DAY

Tuesday, October 23rd, 1928, 9:30 A. M.

1. The Tenth Annual Session of the Gaston County Baptist Association convened with the Marietta Street Baptist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina, Tuesday, October 23rd, 1928, at 9:30 A. M.

2. Devotional service was led by W. J. Francis who uses for the scripture lesson 1 Cor. 13, and the opening prayer being led by W. J. Francis, of Belmont, N. C.

3. W. J. Francis, Moderator of the last session, calls the Association to order for the transaction of its business.

4. Officers are elected to serve for the the present session as follows: W. J. Francis of Belmont, N. C., Moderator; R. S. Lewis of Dallas, N. C., Vice-Moderator; David P. Dellinger of Cherryville, N. C., Clerk; and David P. Dellinger of Cherryville, N. C., Treasurer.

5. Dr. E. V. Hudson and Frank L. Snyder are appointed a committee on enrollment and report 89 registered for the initial meeting.

6. On motion the association agrees that the evening session of today be held in the large auditorium of the First Baptist Church to hear the address of Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, President, Furman University of Greenville, on Stewardship.

7. Frank L. Snyder makes oral report on Religious Literature and after discussing the subject the report is adopted.

8. W. L. Walters reads the report on Baptist Hospitals and after the subject is ably discussed by Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C., the report is adopted.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital, located within the corporated limits of Winston-Salem, while only with us a little more than five years, has grown to be one of the leading Baptist hospitals of the South. Many difficulties have stood in the way, but it has overcome to the extent that the helping hand can now be extended to thousands of sick of our state. Nearly ten thousand have received treatment since it began work.

Our hospital offers the best. It is well located, well equipped and offers every comfort and possibility for restoration that any of the larger institutions of the country offer. It has a fine staff of physicians and a large number of cultured, refined Christian women to minister to the needs of those who come. It offers its ministry in the spirit of love and prayer. It seeks the guidance of the Great Physician. The attending physicians gladly offer their services for all free patients that come to us without money or price and they have given a world of work in the saving of life in these five years.

The death rate last year was 14½ to the thousand which was lower than any other hospital reporting to the Duke Endowment. This fine showing should be an added appeal to those who are able to pay for treatment to come to our hospital and thus help increase its income, cut down the overhead and at the same time make possible a larger service to chrity patients.

The funds received for charity this year have been about $4,000 less than last year, but the demand for this class of work has been greater. It now appears that 600 free cases will have to be cared for this year or many of them will have to be denied admission. This will mean the spending of $35,000.00 for charity. With a Mother's Day offering of about $12,000.00 the hospital cannot pay this amount for charity without going heavily in debt. Thus far, with the Mother's Day offering, the hospital has kept out of debt.

The Nurses Home has been completed. At the beginning of the year, there was a debt of $14,000.00 on this building. The

Duke Endowment promised $5,000.00 if the hospital would pay the entire debt this year. This ought to be done. Last year the hospital paid out of its running expenses about $7,000.00 on the charity from the churches. This year it will have to turn this money into the debt.

Your committee gives the following which has been suggested by the management as a help at this time:

1. That we urge our people to carry their pay patients there when possible and give our hospital the advantage of this increased revenue.

2. That churches sending charity patients will either themselves pay the sum of $1.50 per day, or get the family and the community to join them in raising this amount that the hospital may be helped to tide over this emergency.

3. Pray for the hospital, talk about it in your church and Sunday School and encourage our people to support it.

4. Remember to provide for the hospital through the Mother's Day offering in the Sunday School and Church, and thus help care for those who are suffering and have no money.

Do all of this for Jesus' sake and for the sake of our brother for whom He died.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALTERS,
For the Committee.

9. E. N. Gardner of Thomasville, N. C., discusses the subject, Orphanage, and the matter left open for the adoption of the report later in the session.

10. G. W. Davis reads the report on Ministerial Relief, which on motion is adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Relief and Annuity Board at its annual meeting on June 2, 1927, elected Thomas J. Watts, who had been Associate Secretary for more than eighteen months with Dr. Lunsford before his death. Dr. Watts was Secretary of Sunday School in South Carolina for several years before going with the Board. He is well known in our Southern Baptist Convention because of his efficiency in Sunday School work, and his inspirational addresses which have been delivered throughout our Southland. We are glad to have Dr. Watts as Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board.

There has been a great growth in the last ten years in the Relief and Annuity Board. "A total sum of $1,136,476.48 has been distributed to its army of beneficiaries." Last year this Board aided 6606 6ministetrs, 475 widows, and 150 dependent children.

Just at this time there comes a great challenge to the young ministers of our Southland to support and cooperate in every way

possible with the Relief and Annuity Board because the old ministers that have gone forward in the great battle for righteousness need our help. The ministers who have given the best part of thir lives establishing churches, holding up the teaching of the Bible with low salary should not only be loved and honored, but they should be looked after and cared for in the closing days of their lives.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. DAVIS.

11. The Moderator announces the appointment of the following committees: To report on the Church Covenant of Mountain View and Woodlawn Baptist Churches; Dr. B. A. Bowers, C. M. Robinson and R. G. Mace. Place and Preacher: J. P. Thomas, F. Y. Stafford and Frank Abernethy. Order of Business for 1929 Session: Dr. B. A. Bowers, Dr. E. V. Hudson and W. T. Baucom. To nominate (1) A B. Y. P. U. Director, (2) Hospittal Representative and (3) Orphanage Representative; O. W. Moran, L. L. Jessup and O. W. Triplett.

12. R. G. Mace reads the scripture lesson from Phil. 1:1-23 and offers the prayer. T. L. Cashwell of the Gastonia, East Church preaches the Introductory Sermon using as a text Phil. 1:21 his subject being "Prerequisites to Living the Christ Life." The sermon was deeply spiritual, ably delivered and well received and made a profound impression upon all present. Prayer by W. A. Huff.

13. Dr. J. W. Whitley introduces to the Association the new pastors as follows: Dr. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia First; G. W. Davis, Gastonia Calvary; Frank L. Snyder, Bessemer City; C. F. Comstock, Woodlawn; Ed. Brown, Hardin and High Shoals; E. G. Ledford, Long Creek Memorial; M. P. Rhyne, Webb's Chapel; C. M. Robinson, Hull's Grove; and Dr. J. B. Davis, President, Boiling Springs Junior College.

14. At 12:15 o'clock the Association adjourns to meet at 1:00 P. M. Closing prayer by Dr. C. E. Maddry of Raleigh, N. C.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

15. The Association reconvenes at 1:10 P. M. Ed.

Brown, pastor, High Shoals conducts the devotional service and leads the prayer.

16. W. T. Baucom reads the report on State Missions. T. L. Cashwell reads the report on Home Missions. On motion to adopt, the two reports are discussed together by Dr. C. E. Maddry of the State Mission Board, Raleigh, N. C., and are unanimously adopted.

STATE MISSION

Our State Mission work differs from the other phases of mission work only in location and limitation, being confined to North Carolina. The objject of all mission work is to redeem men and women from the dominion of satan and bring them to the Kingdom of God.

When we estimate work already accomplished souls saved, churches organized, training effected, enlistment accomplished, denominational strength acquired we rejoice.

But when we turn to the fields now white unto harvest as indicated by 634 churches without a baptism last year, 1433 churches out of 2368 which gave nothing to any mission work the first half of 1928, by multiplied thousands of our members over the State who never give anything to our work, by ahe fact that there are more than half a million unsaved people in North Carolina above the years of accountability, by the great influx of people in our industrial centers, creating a new mission problem of great proportions, and by the crying need for training and development of backward churches scattered all over our State,—we are led to exclaim: "Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Agencies and Expenditures

The following figures and facts are based on Dr. Maddry's report for the first six months of 1928, and other definite information.

From our general cooperative funds before they are divided $31,600, in round numbers, is used for general overhead expenses. This pays the salaries of our general secretary and three other workers, and four general workers' salaries in the W. M. U. department along with rents, postage, supplies, tracts, traveling expenses, printing, etc. Twenty-three per cent of this amount is chargeable to State Missions, or about $7,200.

State Mission founds used in the Sunday School Department include salaries for four general workers, traveling expenses, printing, postage, supplies, etc., and amounts to a little above $11,300.

In the B. Y. P. U. department salaries for five workers and other general expenses connected with such work are paid out of State Mission funds. And amount to a little more than $10,500 for the year.

Four student workers are paid $7,300. State mission secretary, Rev. W. M. Gilmore and four evangelists are paid $14,600.

Eighty-seven missionaries serving 134 churches are paid $25,-457.12. Other general State Mission expenses including interests and payment on notes, and office expenses amount to a little above $9,300.

The total amount of State Mission monies for all purposes except missionary pastors serving churches is $59,000 in round numbers. The average amount paid to the 134 churches aided is $187.74, and the average for the 87 missionary pastors is $304.10.

A slight change in the policy of our State Mission work from a tendency toward general workers and general expense, toward more local, associational workers and better salaries for our missionary pastors might have a wholesome effect on all our mission work.

Your committee would recommend that we emphasize our State Mission work in all the churches of the association, pray for all our State Mission workers regularly, and give more liberally to this great cause the coming year than we have ever done before.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. BAUCOM, Com.

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board made its eighty-third annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention last May. Notwithstanding serious falling off in receipts and necessary retrenchment in the work of the Board, the year's work has been most encouraging.

A summary of the Board's work for the past ten years shows the following results: Baptisms 344,966, additions to churches 556,957, prayer meetings conducted 175,088, churches constituted 1,905, Sunday Schools organized 6,128, houses built 4,184.

A heart-breaking and unprecedented emergency has been thrust upon our beloved denomination by the appalling tragedy in connection with the Home Board. It is such an emergency as to challenge the inquiring attention of many throughout the nation and the whole world to Southern Baptist at this time. It is an hour to test the best mettle of every Baptist in the South. With the right spirit, even wit hthe determined, heroic, sacrificial, Christian spirit our people can and will turn this terrible tragedy into a glorous epoch for the furtherance of Christ's cause. By every worthy motive that can constrain us to worthy action by our good name and unsullied honor as Baptists; by our self-respect; by our proper regard for our glorious past; by our responsibility and hope for all our work, both for the present and future;; above all, by our loyalty and love for Him who did for us and whom we live to serve—surely we are fully ready and highly resolved to go forward with Christ in turning this tragedy into a notable triumph for His cause.

Your committee recommends that this Association, now in session adopt the following resolutions:

Whereas, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has lost, through the defalcation of the treasurer, Clinton S. Carnes, the sum of approximately $950,000, and,

Whereas the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in cooperation with the Home Board, has taken steps to rehabilitate and refinance the said board,

Therefore be it resolved: 1. That we, the pastors and duly appointed delegates of the Gaston County Baptist Association, assembled in regular session, recognize our obligation together with all Southern Baptists, to raise and replace the full amount of the loss sustained by the Home Board through the defalcation of its treasurer.

2. That we endorse the action of the Promotion and Executive Committees in designating Sunday, November 11, as "Baptist Honor Day," requesting Southern Baptists to give on that day the full amount of the loss.

3. That we request the churches of this association, which we represent, to adopt the suggestion of these committees and set apart Sunday, November 11th, as "Baptist Honor Day", and in churches that have no preaching service on that day, they observe the occasion on the first service following.

4. That the pastors of this Association, in their next regular conference, discuss and devise some plan whereby all our churches may be led into taking concerted action upon this matter in a worthy manner.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. CASHWELL.

17. Mrs. W. J. Francis, Superintendent of the Woman's Work of the Association, reads the report and Woman's Work and the matter being discussed very ably by Mrs. H. B. Moore, Mrs. C. P. Mauney, Mrs. W. M. Severance, and Mrs. W. J. Francis the report is adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

In submitting my report to this body for their consideration, I am very grateful for the work accomplished during the past year. I appreciate the cooperation given me, and with this and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are able to make some progress along the line of missionary activities. We were able to enlist more women, young women, boys and girls into mission activities this year than last, and in our meetng with Ranlo Church we made plans to reach out still more for our Master during the coming year. We have failed to organize a society in every one of the 35 churches in our association much to our regret. During the past year we have organized three new W. M. S. societies, and

lost two by death. This was due to the lack of spiritual nourishment on the part of some of us. We have organized two Y. W. A.'s, two G. A.'s, one R. A., and four Sunbeam societies. At present we have 25 W. M. S. societies, nine Y. W. A. societies, three Girls Auxiliaries, one Royal Ambassador society, 11 Sunbeam societies. We have lost five Sunbeam societies since January 1st. We have organized 12 new societies during the year. We now have 10 churches without a W. M. S. We have raised and paid out to the different objects $8,033.15. The association is divided into four divisions and we have a secretary for each division. We have a leader of Missions Study Course and Personal Service whose duty it is to look after these activities in the churches. During the year I have traveled 1756 miles, written 494 letters, sent out 325 circulars, 26 postals, 21 telephone calls, held 20 meetings, organized 12 new societies, visited 21 societies.

Our Young People's Rally met with the Bessemer City Church July 9. The attendance was unusually large and the program for the day was full of spirit, and showed that much thought, time and prayer had been put in each part.

Our watchword for the coming year is Isaiah 54:2: "Enlarge, Spare not, Lengthen, Strengthen." The superintendent and her co-workers asks for the cooperation of the pastors in helping to organize and keep alive all mission organizations in their churches. We hope to make Gaston County Baptist Association one of the greatest mission centers in our state.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. FRANCIS,
Superintendent.

18. L. L. Jessup of Lowell reads the report on Public Morals and Temperence. The question is warmly discussed by L. L. Jessup, O. W. Triplett and J. M. Page and is adopted.

PUBLIC MORALS AND TEMPERANCE

It will be impossible in the short time and space allowed for this report, to discuss all of the great moral issues confronting our people of the present day. We will confine our discussion to what we believe to be the three major issues with which the Christian Church has to contend, namely, the divorce evil, indecent literature, and liquor control.

I. The Divorce Evil

Probably the greatest single menace to family life in America today is the divorce evil. Government statistics tell us that there is on average increase of about 5,000 divorces granted every year in this country. In our own county, every term of civil court sees a number of married couples seeking liberty fro mtheir marriage bonds through the medium of the divorce court.

II. Indecent Literature

Printing presses throughout the country are operating night and day turning out books, magazines and pamphlets, which are morally indecent and spiritually destructive. News stands are loaded down with trashy and vulgar literature which is intended to poison and degrade the minds of all who read it.

III. Liquor Control

Undoubtedly, the greatest moral issue confronting American people since the World War is the prohibition question. The eighteenth amendment has been in force long enough for many good people to forget the far-reaching, vulgar, and horrible effects of the open saloon and the blockade still. As a result of this, there is a growing tendency on the part of many to accept in its entirety the clever propaganda of the liquor interests, and endorse some form of modification of the existing law. Christian people should remember that **any form of modification will mean practical nullification.** That the eighteenth amendments needs today is not to be modified, but to be intensified by proper enforcement by law, and stabilized bo honest support by decent people.

There seems to be two ways open to insure the proper enforcement of the prohibition law. First, for right thinking people to **elect those to public office** who are more concerned with the administration of public affairs than they are with party politics. Second, for honest people to **report all cases of law-breaking to the proper authorities**, and stand ready to act as witnesses when called upon to do so.

For Christian people to allow the return of this monstrous evil, the liquor traffic, would be to allow the brewer, the libertine, the saloon-keeper and the drunkard to place a mortgage on the cradle of generations yet unborn.

Therefore, we offer the following:

Whereas, the prohibition question is being discussed all through our nation, and whereas, there is a movement on foot to modify our prohibition laws.

Therefore, be it resolved, first, that we the Gaston County Baptist Association go on record as being opposed to any modification of our State or National prohibition laws.

Second, that we favor the candidacy of the men, both county, state, and national, who favor the strengthening and enforcement of our present prohibition laws.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. JESSUP.

19. The Committee appointed to examine the Articles of Faith of Mountain View and Woodlawn Churches recommends that the said churches be received into the

association. On motion the report is adopted and the hand of fellowship is extended to the delegates and they are seated in the body.

20. The committee on Place and Preacher recommends that the next session of the association be held with the Mount Holly Baptist Church at Mount Holly, N. C., and that Dr. B. A. Bowers be elected to preach the Introductory Sermon with Dr. E. V. Hudson as alternate. On motion the report is adopted.

21. M. A. Stroup and E. B. Denny make final report of the South Fork Institute matter. On motion the report is adopted and the funds are given to the North Carolina Baptist Foundation to be held in trust for ministerial students of Boiling Springs Junior College. The Association expresses to this committee its thanks and appreciation for the splendid services rendered and the Clerk is instructed to write a letter of appreciation to each of them.

FINAL REPORT OF SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

Matthew A. Stroupe and E. B. Denny, for the committee appointed to assist in the collection of funds belonging to the Gaston County Association, submit the following final report:

The amount originally due the Gaston County Association was $2,777.84. The committee has collected and turned over to the Chair of Bible of Boiling Springs High School $2,333.09, as will be noted by reference to previous reports.

The committee now reports the collection of $744.00 on May 15, 1928, which represents the balance due the Gaston County Association from the South Fork Institute notes. The amount collected to this date aggregates a total of $3,077.09. With this report, the committee delivers a Certificate of Deposit on the Cherryville National Bank for $744.00, to the Gaston County Association.

The committee having finished its task, requests that it be discharged.

MATTHEW A. STROUPE,
E. B. DENNY,
For the Committee.

22. Dr. J. W. Whitley makes motion to name a committee to nominate officers of the association to serve from the close of this session. The motion is adopted naming the following committee: W. L. Walters, L. L. Jessup, W. T. Baucom and Frank L. Snyder.

23. At 4:00 P. M. the association adjourns to meet at 7:15 this evening at the First Baptist Church. Prayer by Dr. E. V. Hudson.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

24. The association convened at 7:15 P. M. in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church according to adjournment. The devotional exercise is conducted by W. A. Hoffman of Gastonia Temple Church.

25. Dr. E. V. Hudson reads the report on Sunday School and on motion to adopt the report it is ably and interestingly discussed by Dr. Hudson, Dr. J. W. Whitley, Dr. B. A. Bowers, M. O. Thornburg and C. M. Robinson, and is adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

General Statesments

The Sunday school work of North Carolina Baptists stands at the very forefront of all Southern states. This is due, in a large way, to the untiring efforts of the late beloved E. L. Middleton, who for twenty years rendered to the Baptist Sunday schools of the state the very finest of Christ-like services. The result of these years of faithful and devoted work can never be estimated. Under the leadership of our new Secretary, Brother Perry Morgan, we look with full confidence to the future.

Some of Our Achievements

1. As to the State. We have 2,368 Baptist churches in North Carolina, with a membership of 383,242. In these churches there are 2,258 Sunday schools, with an enrollment of 334,233. Last year our enrollment increased 10,456 over the previous year. There are 89 persons enrolled in our Sunday schools for every 100 church members. Sixteen of our associations have a larger number enrolled in Sunday schools than they have church members. Last year 11,929 teacher training awards were given to North Carolina Baptists.

2. As to the Association. We have 34 churches in the Association, with a membership last year of 9,571. There is a Sunday school in each of the churches. Our Sunday school enrollment exceeds our church membership by 1,046. The average attendance last year was 6,088. There were reported last year 432 baptisms from our Sunday schools. The gifts from the Sunday schools totaled $13,157. We only have four standard schools. There are 712 officers and teachers in the Sunday schools of our association, and only 256 of these hold the Normal Course Diploma. Only four Daily Bible Vacation schools were held.

These are only a few of the facts and achievements of our Sun-

day school work. More could be cited, but these are sufficient to inspire us with the great possibilities that are to be found in Sunday school work.

Recommendations

1. That we continue to give our hearty support, and our most earnest efforts to teacher training.

2. That we do our level best to make more of our schools standard.

3. That we do all in our power to hold a Daily Bible Vacation school in our churches this year.

E. V. HUDSON.

26. Dr. B. A. Bowers of the Gastonia First Church discusses in a masterful manner Christian Stewardship to the delight of the large audience. Dr. J. W. McGlothlin of Furman University, who was to deliver this address, was unable to be present.

27. The Association adjourns at 9:00 P. M. to meet at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday. The closing prayer made by W. W. Rimmer of Spindale First Church, Sandy Run Association.

SECOND DAY

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

28. The Association convenes at 9:30 A. M. and the devotional service is conducted by R. G. Mace of Belmont East Church.

29. The Minutes of the three sessions of the first day are read, corrected and adopted.

30. Dr. E. V. Hudson offered a resolution at the Tuesday evening session, as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

In view of the fact that the Sunday schools of our association are not reaching by far their possibilities,

And in view of the fact that we do not have or take any part in the interdenominational Sunday school movement,

And in view of the fact that there is no organization of any kind among our Sunday schools of this association,

Therefore, be it resolved, That we, the Gaston County Baptist Association, favor and give our support to the organizing of a Sunday School Convention in this association.

On motion the Resolution is amended providing that the Moderator shall appoint a suitable committee from the superintendents of the Sunday Schools and pastors who shall make an investigation and study of the question and make their report to the Executive Committee of the Association who shall have authority to provide for the Sunday School Convention if in the judgment of the Executive Committee that course be deemed wise.

31. Dr. J. W. Whitley reads the report on Foreign Missions and on motion to adopt the question is discussed by Dr. Whitley, Dr. E. V. Hudson and is adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the day that the church at Antioch, separated Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto God had called them, Foreign Missions have been more or less fostered by the churches. When less, the churches have waned. When more, the churches have prospered at home and abroad. It is Christ's command and we must obey to have his blessing upon our efforts anywhere.

The outstanding event in our last year's history of Foreign Missions was the passing on to his eternal reward of our own beloved Secretary, Dr. J. F. Love. He was a native North Carolinian and was greatly loved by his own people, and out to the ends of the earth, for his unselfish Christian character, undying zeal for our Master's cause at home and abroad, his wise counsel in matters pertaining to our denominational progress, his unwavering faith in the gospel of Christ, and his burning desire to have this gospel preached to the ends of the earth. Our loss is his eternal gain. A few days ago his beloved wife who had been a great suffered followed her devoted husband into the glory world. United they carried on the trust of Foreign Missions committed to them by Southern Baptists for fourteen years. And, in death, they were not long divided.

Encouraging Phases

There are many encouraging facts coming to us from the far-flung firing line. The chaotic condition in China has cleared up to some extent. The opposition to work is diminishing. The Chinese Christians have stood the awful test well. The pastors and churches have arisen to meet the situation beyond our expectation. Many missionaries have been returned to their respective fields. The Board has twenty-eight main stations where missionaries abide. Twenty-four of these are now occupied.

Some Figures

There are 1,275 churches on the foreign fields. 675 are self-supporting. 959 own their own places of worship. They have 146,072 members. They gave $3.30 per member last year. We have 2,861 out-stations. 75,118 Sunday school scholars. 26,244 students in our 587 schools and colleges. There were 12,542 baptisms last year. This is 457 more than was reported the year before.

These things should encourage us to bring in all the tithe into the store house that our Foreign Board might have the funds necessary to carry out the program of Jesus to the ends of the earth, and then we could on bended knee claim for ourselves the opening of the windows of heaven and God's richest blessings upon us in our efforts to further his cause at home and abroad. (Mal. 3:10).

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS W. WHITLEY.

32. Miss Mamie Haggard of South Mountain Institute is recognized and presents the needs and claims of the school for the benefit of the Association and any of our people who feel disposed to render assistance to that cause.

33. The Committee reports and recommends as follows: For B. Y. P. U. Director, Luther Hawkins; Hospital Representative, J. P. Thomas; Orphanage Representative, Mrs. R. L. Featherston. On motion the report is adopted and they are declared elected.

34. The Moderater announces the following appointments: Member State Mission Board, Dr. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia, N. C., Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C., and Delegates to State Convention, W. T. Baucom, T. L. Cashwell and R. G. Mace.

35. J. H. Quinn of Shelby, N. C., Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs High School and Junior College read the report.

BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

(Abbreviated)

To the Kings Mountain, Sandy Run and Gaston County Baptist Associations:

On May 2nd, 1928, your school closed its twenty-first year of

actual work. These have been strenuous years, marked by sacrificial devotion and unrelenting efforts on the part of faithful teachers and loyal friends of the institution, but in these years we have made history for Christian education in this section where the Baptist cause so largely predominates. We point with pride to the achievements of the High School as a justification of the wisdom of these associations in entering the field of Christian education. More than 5000 students have enrolled here since the opening of the school and 590 have graduated, many of whom later graduated from higher institutions of learning. As a rule, these are making good in every line of human activity in Church and State.

Boiling Springs Junior College

In the annual reports of 1926 and 1927 of this Board we urged the pressing demand for a Junior College at Boiling Springs. In our last report we presented an agreement which had been tentatively adopted by this Board and the General Secretary of the Convention, subject to the ratification of the Convention at its meeting last November. That agreement, with a few slight amendments, was unanimously adopted by the Convention. Accordingly, a joint campaign was launched and vigorously prosecuted during the summer within the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations to reach a goal of $250,000 for the Centennial Fund and to make Boiling Springs High School a Junior College. While a little less than half the goal was reached, it was a marked success and fully demonstrated the deep interest of our people in the movement for the College. Out of the funds coming from these two Associations will first be paid the bonded indebtedness of $40,000 against our School and the remainder will be divided between College and the Centennial Fund on the basis of 60 per cent to the former and 40 per cent to the latter. Half the sum going to the College will be applied to equipment and the remainder to the endowment. It is earnestly hoped that before the termination of the Centennial Campaign in 1930 that we shall reach our goal of $250,000.

So impressed were the officers of the Baptist State Convention with the success achieved in the Campaign and loyalty of our people to our school, that your Board was authorized, at the beginning of the present term, to launch a Junior College, putting on the first year of College wrk. The action of the officers will be submitted to the Convention in November for ratification. Accordingly, the Junior College was launched and is now a reality. The High School, for the present, will be continued. A second year of college work will be added next year. No effort will be spared in making ours a Standard Junior College. Only such persons have been employed for teachers in the College Department as will meet this requirement.

Whereas, it is apparent, as much as we regret it, that our beloved brethren and co-workers on this Board, who are members of the Gaston County Association, feel embarrassed to take a part in our Board meetings since they were not included in the recent campaign in the other two Associations in behalf of our

Junior College movement; and, whereas, we believe the pastors and churches of the Gaston County Association would now appreciate an opportunity to extend financial aid to our Junior College which it greatly needs, therefore

This Board hereby memoralizes the Gaston County Association to launch at this session a movement to raise such a sum for permanent improvement and equipment of Boiling Springs Junior College as that body may deem wise and proper. This fund would meet the pressing needs for these purposes, and, at same time, enable the membership of that Association to know and feel that thy have had a definite and worthy part in the establishment and maintenance of a Christian College which will mean everything to our worthy and struggling youth whose financial condition will prevent their going to one of our Senior Colleges or universities.

Your Board announces with distinctive pride the election of Dr. J. B. Davis to the presidency of the college. Dr. Davis is a native North Carolinian, a graduate of Mars Hill, of Wake Forest, of our Uuniversity, and of the Southwestern Seminary. A young man with striking personality, a profound scholar, an exponent of Christian schools, we believe we have in Dr. Davis a president worthy of the highest esteem of our people and whom we shall be glad to follow. Under his able leadership and by the cooperation of his true and tried co-workers, we believe Boiling Springs Junior College will have a great future.

Respectfully submitted, this October 9th, 1928.

J. H. QUINN,
Chairman Board Trustees.
C. C. MATHENY,
Secretary Board Trustees.

And A. C. Warlick reads the report on

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In this age of ours, characterized by the marvelous inventions of man, with all of its speed and efficiency, and with our social structure becoming more and more complex, we find ourselves before a maze in the matter of providing suitable training for our future citizens. As to the need for training as has never before been needed there are very few who are not in sympathy with any forward step. All of this being true we are prone to forget that we must have leaders who have foresight and are prepared to set up ideals and standards toward which to strive in the growth of our spiritual natures. There must be some adjustments made and a great deal depends upon how these adjustments are made so that our souls shall not be dwarfed, dried and twisted in the process. To be properly directed, we must have leaders who are trained for this work, who shall be just as efficient as the surgeon who makes adjustments for our physical bodies. If there should be any difference made, he who deals with spiritual adjustments

should be better trained than one who makes adjustments in our physical bodies. We have thousands who argue that we are not able and can not afford to provide such trained leaders, but the truth is that we can not afford not to have such leaders. To train such leaders, then is not a mere happen so, and can only be done successfully in an institution which has that for its purpose. Our forefathers wisely foresaw this need and founded our denominational schools and colleges.

It is true that our State has made rapid progress in the matter of training the masses when we consider the beginnings of our educational system. Since it is the duty of the State to train its future citizens for the future welfare of the State, it is also the duty of our churches to train leaders to guide and direct the masses. It is not the business of the State to train such leaders, and we could not afford to allow the State to do so if such an undertaking was begun.

Our colleges, both senior and junior, and our high schools, have been founded for no other purpose. They have done their work well when we consider the meager equipment that some of them have had, but they are burdened with debts and are not endowed so that they can enlist in their faculties the best trained leaders for that work except in such instances where the call to that service has appealed stronger than higher salaries in our State institutions. Our high schools have been compelled to move up to junior college work in order to exist. In making this change it has been necessary to add to library and other equipment entailing quite a sum of money. It is worth all of the cost and more to make the change but the cost must be borne by our denomination, and the more sacrifice we make to maintain these institutions the greater will be the benefits derived not only for the future but to the present generation.

The Centennial Campaign is for no other purpose than to relieve our schools and colleges of the debts which are such a burden to them and which they were compelled to make in order to exist. Then let us renew our interest in the Centennial Campaign and have a part in helping to free our educational institutions from the debts which are such a burden that they may be able to push forward in the great work that they are doing and for which they have been established.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WARLICK,
For the Committee.

On motion to adopt the reports are discussed together by A. C. Warlick, Dr. J. B. Davis, President, Boiling Springs Junior College, and Dr. J. W. Whitley, and the reports are adopted, with the exception that the memorial to this Association that it launch a movement at this time to raise funds for permanent improvement for the college be left open for consideration at a later hour.

35 (a) At 12:10 P. M. the Association adjourns to to meet at 1:00 P. M. Closing prayer by D. F. Putnam of Shelby, N. C.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

36. The Association convenes at 1:10 P. M. Special song service is led by members of the faculty and students of Boiling Springs Junior College. Devotional exercise conducted by Oscar Bolch, Prayer by J. D. Moose, of Charlotte, N. C.

37. Further considering the matter of funds for permanent improvements at Boiling Springs Junior College, L. L. Jessup offers the following motion: "As there are so many angles to the Boiling Springs proposition, which should have time for thorough consideration, it is hereby moved that this matter of working a subscription drive to provide equipment for that institution be referred to a joint committee composed of the Executive Committee, Trustee of this Association of Boiling Springs, and the Pastors Conference, with authority to them to take action thereon."

38. Motion is made by T. L. Cashwell that the matter of the deficit and tuition of Boiling Springs Junior College students be referred to and embodied in the motion by L. L. Jessup as shown in the preceding paragraph.

39. Dr. E. V. Hudson offers the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Trustees of Boiling Springs Junior College be and they are hereby ordered and directed to negotiate a loan in behalf of said Junior College for a sum not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND ($5,000.00) Dollars to provide necessary equipment for meeting the requirements for standardization." On motion it is adopted.

40. J. H. Fagan presents the report on B. Y. P. U. On motion to adopt the report is discussed by J. H. Fagan, Mrs. Ralph Featherson, Frank L. Snyder, J. P. Thomas, and Ed. Brown and is adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

During the past year we feel that the Lord has blessed us in a

great way in our B. Y. P. U. work, both in membership and in the increased spirituality of the young Christians.

There has been eight new B. Y. P. U.'s organized during the past year.

Since our work has been well organizzed for several years we cannot expect to grow as fast in membership as in former years. But should and are striving to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through training in the B. Y. P. U.

There are four districts in our association and all of them are properly organized for work. All the district meetings have been held regularly during the year and well attended. On June 19 a large number of our young people attended the State B. Y. P. U. convention at Meredith College.

On May 27-28, 1928, the annual associational convention was held with Cherryville Baptist Church, Cherryville, N. C. There being present on Sunday afternoon about 800, with 93 per cent of the churches in the association being represented. Rev. E. N. Gardner, of Thomasville, addressed the Sunday afternoon meeting. Miss Winnie Rickett was present on Monday and added much to the program, taking part three times. Rev. W. T. Baucom of Dallas, preached the convention sermon Monday evening. At this convention the following officers were elected: President, J. H. Fagan; vice-president, Miss Myrtle Abernathy; vice-president, Miss Julia Hager; vice-president, R. W. Hovis; vice-president, D. B. Farnsworth; secretary and treasurer, Miss Neva McCoy; Junior Leader, Miss Lena Huggins; intermediate leader, Mrs. A. N. Simpson; choirster, W. L. Hawkins; pianist, Miss Della Newton.

There has been during the past year at least one B. Y. P. U. in every church in the association. This association is now and has been for the past four years a standard organization according to the standard set up by the State B. Y. P. U. department.

We now have plans made for an associational wide study course the week of November 4th, and we hope a large number of the churches will cooperate in this campaign as we want to make it count for the glory of God and to increase the efficiency of every B. Y. P. U. member.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FAGAN.

41. David P. Dellinger reads the Treasurer's Report which is adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cherryville, N. C., October 23, 1928.

To Gaston County Baptist Association:

I submit herewith my report as treasurer of the Association for the year ending September 30, 1928:

Receipts

From churches for minutes and printing	$233.87
Deficit, advanced by the Clerk	22.92
	$256.79

Disbursements

Paid Loftin Printing Co., printing	$189.90	
David P. Dellinger, Clerk	25.00	
Postage, stationery and expenses	20.75	
Deficit 1927, paid	21.14	
		$256.79

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID P. DELLINGER,
Treasurer.

42. The Moderator appoints the following committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee; O. W. Moran, D. P. Stowe and D. P. Dellinger.

43. The committee reports and recommends the election of the following to constitute the Executive Committee for the coming year: W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C., J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C., Dr. J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C., Dr. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia, N. C., Dr. E. V. Hudson, Cramerton, N. C.; R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C., and W. T. Baucom, Dallas, N. C.

44. W. J. Francis reads the report of the Executive Committee and the matter being discussed by W. Arthur Hoffman and W. J. Francis and the report is adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee beg to submit the following report:

Temple Baptist Church, Rev. W. A. Hoffman, pastor.

Sunday School enrollment 415. Average attendance, 225.

B. Y. P. U.—66 unions, 1 adult, 1 senior, 2 intermediates, 1 junior. Number of seal to those completing study courses.

Teacher Training—An intensive stud ycourse has been in progress for some time. 19 diplomas awarded in Sunday Schools

Baptisms 40.

Six point record system in force in Sunday School.

Expenses Current—Grand total $2,347.76.

Cooperative Program—$42.45.

Aid from Mission Board, $400.00.

W. J. FRANCIS, Chairman.

45. R. G. Mace makes motion that the Memorial page in our minutes dedicated to our deceased members be accepted in lieu of the usual written report. His motion is adopted.

46. The Gaston County Loan Fund Committee is appointed as follows: J. P. Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.; M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia, N. C., and R. G. Mace, Belmont N. C.

46 (a) On motion Dr. B. A. Bowers is elected to succeed Dr. W. C. Barrett, as trustee of Boiling Springs Junior College, and D. P. Stowe and N. B. Kendrick to succeed themselves.

47. Dr. E. V. Hudson makes motion which is unanimously adopted extending to the retiring officers the thanks and appreciation of the body for their efficient services during the ten years they have served.

48. Dr. B. A Bowers reads the report on Order of Business for the 1929 Session which on motion is adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS 1929

October 22nd and 23rd

Tuesday

A. M.
9:30—Devotional—J. B. Davis.
9:45—Enrollment
10:00—Benevolences
Hospitals—J. P. Thomas.
Orphanage—R. B. Suggs.
Ministerial Relief—B. A. Bowers.
11:00—Announcements.
Sermon—B. A. Bowers.
12:00—Dinner.

Tuesday Afternoon

P. M.
1:30—Devotional—J. B. Davis.
1:45—Education—Joe S. Wray.
2:15—B. Y. P. U.—J. H. Fagan.
2:45—Sunday School—Bryan Hurd.
3:15—Denominational Schools—J. J. Beach.
4:00—Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

Tuesday Night

7:15—Devotional—J. B. Davis.

7:30—Stewardship—Emery Denny.
8:15—Evangelism—Dr. E. A. Fuller, Atlanta, Ga.

Wednesday

A. M.
9:30—Devotional—J. B. Davis.
9:45—Religious Literature—T. L. Cashwell.
10:00—Missions.
Woman's Work—Mrs. W. J. Frances.
10:30—State Missions—W. A. Hoffman.
11:00—Home Missions—F. L. Snyder.
11:30—Foreign Missions—E. V. Hudson.
12:00—Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon

P. M.
1:15—Devotional—J. B. Davis.
1:30—Election of Officers.
2:00—Public Morals and Temperance—J. W. Whitley
2:30 —Treasurer's Report.
2:35—Report of Executive Committee.
2:45—Obituaries—O. W. Triplett.
3:00—Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

49. W. L. Walters from the committee to nominate and recommend officers for the 1929 Session reports as follows: R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C., Moderator; E. B. Denny, Gastonia, N. C., Vice-Moderator; M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia, N. C., Clerk; and J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City, N. C., Treasurer. On motion of Dr. J. W. Whitley the report is adopted and they are declared elected as the officers to serve at the next session of the Association.

50. L. L. Jessup presents a resolution of thanks and appreciation to the membership of Marietta Street Church for the use of the building and equipment for the present session, which is unanimously adopted.

51. At 2:40 P. M. the Association adjourns. Closing prayer by W. L. Walters.

W. J. FRANCIS,
Moderator.

DAVID P. DELLINGER,
Clerk.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE ROLL CALL HENCE SINCE OCTOBER 1, 1927.

ALEXIS
Mr. E. V. Senter

BELMONT EAST
Miss Roxana Clark
Mrs. M. G. Featherston
Mr. G. F. Hedrick
Mrs. C. E. Lee

BELMONT FIRST
Rev. S. R. Bass, Pastor
Mr. R. C. Baucom
Mrs. R. C. Rushing
Mrs. M. I. Jenkins

BESSEMER CITY
Mrs. Mary Edwards
Miss Jane Pennington
Mrs. G. C. Tate
Mr. Samuel S. Wells

CENTER VIEW
Mrs. A. W. Paysour
Mr. C. L. Smith

CHERRYVILLE
Mr. J. M. C. Stroup

CRAMERTON
Mrs. H. B. McCall
Mrs. M. D. Riley

DALLAS
Mrs. Will Beam
Mr. Potter Lemmons

GASTONIA CALVARY
Mr. T. E. Beam
Mr. Edward Clark
Mrs. L. H. Mullinax

GASTONIA EAST
Mrs. Nanny Hayes
Mrs. E. A. Moss
Mrs. M. T. Saunders, Sr.
Mrs. W. B. Simms

GASTONIA FIRST
Mr. C. L. Frederick
Mrs. Robert F. Parker
Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson

GASTONIA FLINT-GROVES
Mr. Thomas Pruett

GASTONIA LORAY
Mrs. W. D. Blanton
Mr. George Bumgardner
Mr. A. E. Dubose
Mrs. M. E. Hovis
Mr. W. D. Lucas

GASTONIA MARIETTA ST.
Miss Ethel Bailey
Mrs. John Bishop
Miss Alice Ham
Mrs. Eliza Reid

GASTONIA TEMPLE
Mrs. W. A. Hill
Mr. Burley Hubbard

HARDIN
Mrs. Maggie Lineberger
Mr. Mack Lineberger

HIGH SHOALS
Mrs. Martha Caldwell

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL
Mr. Alden Ledford
Mrs. Mary Queen
Mr. E. N. Queen

LOWELL FIRST
Mrs. Jane Teague

McADENVILLE
Mr. C. C. Hope
Mr. C. C. Jenkins
Mrs. Mosley
Miss Dorothy Nichols
Mrs. Wright

MOUNT HOLLY
Mrs. F. A. Burns
Mr. M. L. Fisher
Elder W. J. Hopkins
Mrs. Eliza Kale

MOUNT ZION
Miss Mary Aderholdt
Mrs. J. C. Dellinger

RANLO
Mrs. C. N. Wilson

SANDY PLAINS
Mrs. Mary Capps

SHADY GROVE
Miss Pearl Pruitt
Mr. J. J. Stroup

TUCKASEEGE
Mrs. S. T. Fisher
Miss Eva Mae Thomas

ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF GASTON COUNTY BAUTIST ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church of Which Member	
J. M. Ballard	Alexis, N. C.	Alexis	Member
P. S. Barber	Belmont, N. C.	Belmont East	Member
H. W. Baucom	S. Gastonia, N. C.	Bethel	Pastor
W. T. Baucom	Dallas, N. C.	Dallas	Pastor
J. J. Beach	Cherryville, N. C.	Cherryville	Pastor
D. F. Birchfield	Rt 3, Kings Mountain	Mountain View	Pastor
Joe Bishop	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Groves	Member
W. A. Bishop	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Groves	Member
J. H. Boggs	Gastonia, N. C.	Marietta Street	Member
Preston Blake	McAdenville, N. C.	McAdenville	Pastor
Dr. B. A. Bowers	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia First	Pastor
Ed. Brown	High Shoals, N. C.	High Shoals	Pastor
A. P. Bumgardner	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray	Member
W. G. Camp	Cherryville, N. C.	Shady Grove	Pastor
T. L. Cashwell	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East	Pastor
M. G. Cloer	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Groves	Member
C. F. Comstock	Lowell, N. C.	Woodlawn	Pastor
George W. Davis	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Calvary	Pastor
W. H. Flowers	Lowell, N. C.	Spencer Mountain	Pastor
E. S. Grice	Ranlo, Gastonia, N. C.	Ranlo	Member
John A. Hallman	Rt. 3, Vale, N. C.	Hull's Grove	Member
W. Arthur Hoffman	Sta. 1, Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Temple	Pastor
A. A. Haggard	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Groves	Pastor
Dr. E. V. Hudson	Cramerton, N. C.	Cramerton	Pastor
W. F. Huggins	Alexis, N. C.	Alexis	Member
G. C. Ivey	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray	Member
N. T. Lancaster	Belmont, N. C.	Center View	Member
E. G. Ledford	Dallas, N. C.	L'g C'k Memorial	Pastor
A. A. Lockee	Mount Holly, N. C.	Tuckaseege	Pastor
Raymond Long	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East	Member
R. G. Mace	Belmont, N. C.	Belmont East	Pastor
Owen Moran	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia First	Asst. Pastor
B. V. Mull	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray	Member
W. B. McClure	Alexis, N. C.	Hickory Grove	Pastor
Jack Payne	Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Grove	Member
J. L. Perry	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Flint-Grove	Member
C. M. Robinson	Catawba, N. C.	Hull's Grove	Pastor
Frank L. Snider	Bessemer City, N. C.	Bessemer City	Pastor
O. W. Triplett	Stanley, N. C.	Bruington	Pastor
J. L. Vass	Mount Holly, N. C.	Mount Holly	Pastor
J. J. Waldrop	Rt. 3, Vale, N. C.	Hull's Grove	Member
W. L. Walters	Gastonia, N. C.	Mount Zion	Pastor
P. M. Webb	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Marietta	Member
Dr. J. W. Whitley	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray	Pastor
J. W. Ward	Belmont, N. C.	Belmont East	Member

LICENSED MINISTERS

O. L. Bolch	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
Leslie Bookout	Cherryville, N. C.	Cherryville
Grady Bowen	Cramerton, N. C.	Cramerton
J. E. Campbell	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Calvary
W. W. Cloer	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
John L. Cloninger	Lowell, N. C.	Spencer Mountain
D. J. Cobb	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
H. B. Crapps	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
John E. Davis	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
O. W. Deaton	McAdenville, N. C.	McAdenville
D. B. Farnsworth	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
W. L. Hawkins	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Marietta
J. S. Lazenby	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
A. McCoy	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
J. A. McCullough	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
M. P. Rhyne	Dallas, N. C.	Long Creek Memorial
S. H. Watts	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
Joe Webb	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARIES GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Churches	Secretaries and Post Office
Alexis	D. L. McAlister, Alexis, N. C.
Belmont East	C. G. Rumfelt, Belmont, N. C.
Belmont First	W. M. Allen, Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City	Dewey Wolfe, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bethel	K. B. Plumley, Rt. 4, Gastonia, N. C.
Bruington	Charlie Dawkins, Stanley, N. C.
Center View	No Report.
Cherryville	D. C. Upton, Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton	W. R. Bush, Cramerton, N. C.
Dallas	Miss May Durham, Dallas, N. C.
Gastonia Calvary	Paul Price, Victory, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia East	Broadus Carter, E. Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Flint-Groves	Will D. Jenkins, E. Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Loray	H. B. Crapps, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Marietta	Dewel Redding, Rt. 3, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Temple	L. L. Willis, Rt. 4, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia First	W. M. Severance, Gastonia, N. C.
Hardin	Ernest Friday, Rt. 1, Dalals, N. C.
Hickory Grove	James Lineberger, Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.
High Shoals	Homer McCrary, High Shoals, N. C.
Hull's Grove	Miss Zona Miller, Rt. 3, Vale, N. C.
Long Creek Memorial	Arthur Jenkins, Dallas, N. C.
Lowell First	James Blair, Lowell, N. C.
McAdenville	D. E. Rhyne, McAdenville, N. C.
Mountain View	No Report.
Mount Beulah	Miss Mildred Payseur, Rt. 1, Bessemer City
Mount Holly	Carl Lowrance, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Mount Zion	Miss Vada Putnam, Cherryville, N. C.
Ranlo	W. M. McPherson, Gastonia, N. C.
Riverside	R. U. Brooks, Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.
Sandy Plains	Miss Mary Hoffman, Rt. 1, Lowell, N. C.
Shady Grove	Miss Pearl Bess, Rt. 1, Kings Mountain.
Spencer Mountain	A. Boozer, Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.
Tuckaseege	Paul Lowe, Rt. 2, Mount Holly, N. C.
Webb's Chapel	C. W. Carpenter, Rt. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.
Woodlawn	S. C. Lankford, Lowell, N. C.

B. Y. P. U. OFFICERS GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Churches	Presidents of B. Y. P. U.'s and Post Office
Alexis	Miss Annie Bradshaw (S), Iron Station, N. C.
Belmont East	Miss Viola Duncan, (S), North Belmont, N. C.
Belmont First	Claude Fant, (C), Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City	Miss Cleo Waldrop, (S), Bessemer City, N. C.
Bethel	H. L. Thornburg, (S), Rt. 4, Gastonia, N. C.
Bruington	No Report.
Center View	No Report.
Cherryville	Miss Lillian Williams, (S), Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton	John S. Donahue, (S-, Cramerton, N. C.
Dallas	Miss Sudie Goins, (S), Dallas, N. C.
Gastonia Calvary	Miss Ditsy Cash, (S), Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia East	Bradas Carter, (S), Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia First	Miss Addie Prevatte, (S), Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Flint-Groves	No Report.
Gastonia Loray	George H. Moore, (A), Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Marietta	J .S. Hawkins, (A), 617 S. Broad St. Gastonia.
Gastonia Temple	M. S. Heavner, (A), Rt. 4, Gastonia, N. C.
Hardin	J. J. Friday, (A), Rt. 1, Dallas, N. C.
Hickory Grove	R. Z. Robinson, (S), Rt. 2, Mt. Holly, N. C.
High Shoals	R. E. Beasley, (S), High Shoals, N. C.
Hull's Grove	Miss Sallie Taylor, (A), Rt. 5, Vale, N. C.
Long Creek Memorial	T. S. Summey, (A), Dallas, N. C.
Lowell First	James Blair, (S), Lowell, N. C.
McAdenville	John Wright, (S), McAdenville, N. C.
Mountain View	J. C. Welch, (A), Rt. 3, Kings Mountain, N. C.
Mount Beulah	Harry Barbee, (S), Rt. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.
Mount Holly	Miss Pauline Bumgarner, (S), Mt. Holly, N. C.
Mount Zion	Alvin Dellinger, (S), Cherryville, N. C.
Ranlo	Lawrence Ballard, (S), Ranlo Sta., Gastonia.
Riverside	E. R. Bumgarner, (S), Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.
Sandy Plains	Miss Laura Hoffman, (S), Rt. 1, Lowell, N. C.
Shady Grove	F. L. Mauney, (S), Cherryville, N. C.
Spencer Mountain	No Report.
Tuckaseege	Fred Stafford, (S), Mount Holly, N. C.
Webb's Chapel	No Report.
Woodlawn	No Report.

OFFICERS WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Churches	Presidents and Addresses
Alexis	Miss Mamie Rhyne, Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C.
Belmont East	Mrs. C. E. Houser, Belmont, N. C.
Belmont First	Mrs. G. M. Gullick, Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City	Mrs. Crown Richardson, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bethel	No Report.
Bruington	Mrs. F. G. Dawkins, Stanley, N. C.
Center View	Mrs. S. S. Dellinger, North Belmont, N. C.
Cherryville	Mrs. J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton	Miss Jesse Sherrill, Cramerton, N. C.
Dallas	Mrs. Rush Dixon, Dallas, N. C.
Gastonia Calvary	No Report.
Gastonia East	Mrs. A. McCoy, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Flint-Groves	Mrs. John Lingerfelt, E. Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia First	Mrs. C. M. Reaves, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Loray	Mrs. D. A. Grigg, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Marietta	Mrs. E. A. Hurley, Rt. 3, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Temple	Mrs. Bessie Bridges, Rt. 4, Gastonia, N. C.
Hardin	No Report.
Hickory Grove	Mrs. E. B. Smith, Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.
High Shoals	No Report.
Hull's Grove	Mrs. T. B. Hill, Rt. 5, Vale, N. C.
Long Creek Memorial	Mrs. Rosa Crensler, Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C.
Lowell First	Mrs. R. B. Groves, Lowll, N. C.
McAdenville	Miss Rosie Branch, McAdenville, N. C.
Mountain View	No Report.
Mount Beulah	Mrs. W. B. Elam, Rt. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.
Mount Holly	Mrs. N. E. Batchelor, Mount Holly, N. C.
Mount Zion	No Report.
Ranlo	Mrs. Virginia Pressley, Ranlo, Gastonia,N. C.
Riverside	No Report.
Sandy Plains	Mrs. J. C. Millen, Gastonia, N. C.
Shady Grove	No Report.
Spencer Mountain	No Report.
Tuckaseege	Mrs. G. E. Blankenship, Mount Holly, N. C.
Webb's Chapel	No Report.
Woodlawn	No Report.

OTHER AUXILIARY LEADERS

Y. W. A. Counselors

Center View—Mrs. Walter Medlin, North Belmont, N. C.
Belmont First—Miss Edna Grubbs, Belmont, N. C.
Cramerton—Mrs. E. V. Hudson, Cramerton, N. C.
Gastonia First—Mrs. C. A. Eden, Gastonia, N. C.
Lowell First—Mrs. R. L. Featherson, Lowell, N. C.
McAdenville—Miss Rosie Branch, McAdenville, N. C.

G. A. Leaders

Bruington—Mrs. George Grice, Stanley, N. C.
Dallas—Miss Sudie Goins, Dallas, N. C.
Gastonia East—Mrs. G. C. Moss, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia First—Mrs. J. H. Sims, Gastonia, N. C.
Hull's Grove—Mrs. J. J. Waldrop, Rt. 5, Vale, N. C.
Ranlo—Mrs. Grace Carpenter, Ranlo, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Loray—

R. A. Leaders

Gastonia First—J. P. Swindler, Gastonia, N. C.
Hull's Grove—Mrs. W. L. Cansler, Rt. 5, Vale, N. C.

Sunbeam Leaders

Belmont East—Mrs. W. D. Nichols, Belmont, N. C.
Belmont First—Mrs. W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City—Mrs. W. A. Lindsay, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bruington—Mrs. O. W. Triplett, Stanley, N. C.
Cherryville—Mrs. H. H. Allen, Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton—Miss Della Hawkins, Cramerton, N. C.
Gastonia East—Mrs. T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia First—Miss Lucile Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia Loray—Mrs. Sloan Morrow, Gastonia, N. C.
Hull's Grove—Mrs. George Mull, Rt. 5, Vale, N. C.
Lowell—Miss Edna Featherston, Lowell, N. C.
McAdenville—Miss Edna Featherston, Lowell, N. C.
Ranlo—Miss Sallie Mauney, Ranlo, Gastonia, N. C.
Riverside—Miss Java Capps, Rt. 2, Lowell, N. C.

(From the foregoing four lists names of all churches reporting no leaders are omitted.)

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					GAINS					LOSSES				Total				
					Membership Reported Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Alexis	Village	1900	W. T. Baucom, Dallas, N. C.	2 4	169	5	3			1			1	175	No	1	1	1
2—Belmont, East	Town	1912	R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.	*	355	40	28	1	1	11			4	410	Yes	1	4	20
3— First	Town	1874	Vacant	*	305	30	33			13			4	351	Yes	1	4	19
4—Bessemer City	Town	1897	Frank L. Snyder, Bessemer City, N. C.	*	358	5	15	2	1	24			4	353	Yes	1	3	10
5—Bethel	Village	1926	H. W. Baucom, South Gastonia, N. C.	2 4	(1) 36	1	5	1				13		30	No	1	2	0
6—Bruington	Town	1885	O. W. Triplett, Stanley, N. C.	*	258	3	16	1		10	1		1	266	Yes	1	4	10
7—Center View	Village	1921	Vacant	*	371	23	4	2		60			2	338	Yes	2	2	2
8—Cherryville	Town	1893	J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.	*	463	15	8		1	15			1	471	Yes	1	3	31
9—Cramerton	Town	1911	E. V. Hudson, Cramerton, N. C.	*	446	30	20	3		32	2	90	2	373	Yes	1	4	20
10—Dallas	Town	1897	W. T. Baucom, Dallas, N. C.	*	204	16	16			12			2	222	Yes	1	4	20
11—Gastonia, Calvary	Town	1920	Geo. W. Davis, Pinkney Sta., Gastonia	*	351	28	23	5	5	14			2	396	Yes	1	2	6
12— East	Town	1900	T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia, N. C.	*	544	23	46	2	2	35	2	4	4	572	Yes	1	4	10
13— First	Town	1876	Dr. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia, N. C.	*	822	19	116	4		66	3		4	888	Yes		4	51
14— Flint-Groves	Town	1923	A. A. Haggard, East Gastonia, N. C.	*	363	152	127	71		44	2	37	1	629	Yes	1	2	2
15— Loray	Town	1905	J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.	*	689	63	80	6	8	96	6	10	6	728	Yes	3	4	25
16— Marietta St.	Town	1917	Vacant	*	296	6	12			71	2			241	Yes	1	2	3
17— Temple	Town	1926	W. Arthur Hoffman, Sta. 1, Gastonia	*	215	40	45	7		30	2		3	272	Yes	1	4	4
18—Hardin	Village	1922	Edwin Brown, High Shoals, N. C.	1 3	82		4	2	2	5			2	83	No	1	1	2
19—Hickory Grove	Country	1873	W. B. McClure, Alexis, N. C.	2 4	181	4	2		5	20	11	1		160	No	1	2	5
20—High Shoals	Town	1902	Edwin Brown, High Shoals, N. C.	2 4	86		6	2		8		35	1	50	No	1	1	
21—Hull's Grovve	Country	1890	C. M. Robinson, Catawba, N. C.	3	161					7				154	No	1	2	2
22—Long Creek Memorial	Country	1772	E. G. Ledford, Dallas, N. C.	*	286	64	36	3	1	5			3	382	Yes	1	1	10
23—Lowell, First	Town	1892	L. L. Jessup, Lowell, N. C.	*	303	32	40	3	2	49	7		1	323	Yes	1	4	10
24—McAdenville	Town	1887	Preston Blake, McAdenville, N. C.	*	366	9	2		3	8	11		4	357	Yes	1	4	
25—Mountain View	Village	1928	D. F. Birchfield, No. 3, Kings Mountain	*	0	32	35				1			66	No	1		
26—Mount Beulah	Country	1916	W. G. Camp, Cherryville, N. C.	2 4	157	13				7				163	No	1	2	25
27—Mount Holly	Town	1889	J. L. Vass, Mount Holly, N. C.	*	466	12	32	1	1	18			4	490	Yes	1		
28—Mount Zion	Country	1857	W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.	*	184	13	6			2			1	200	No	1	2	3
29—Ranlo	Village	1919	W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.	*	428	13	15			12		227		217	Yes	1	1	10
30—Riverside	Village	1927	A. A. Lockee, Mount Holly, N. C.	1 5	75	10	11			5				91	Yes	1	1	1
31—Sandy Plains	Country	1863	L. L. Jessup, Lowell, N. C.	2 4	187	17	1			8		3	1	193	No	1	2	1
32—Shady Grove	Country	1881	W. G. Camp, Cherryville, N. C.	1 3	140	12	2			2			2	150	No	1	1	6
33—Spencer Mountain	Village	1909	D. E. Vipperman, Rock Hill, S. C.	2 4	82	13	10		4	6				103	Yes	2	3	
34—Tuckaseege	Village	1912	A. A. Lockee, Mount Holly, N. C.	2 4	122		12			3	1		2	128	Yes		4	4
35—Webb's Chapel	Country	1892	M. P. Rhyne, Dallas, N. C.	1 3	56		1			17				40	No	1		
36—Woodlawn	Town	1928	C. F. Comstock, Lowell, N. C.	*	00		40	3		2				41	Yes			
					9607	743	852	119	36	718	51	420	62	10,106		37	84	323

* Every Sunday.

(1) Omitted in 1927 report.

David P. Dellinger, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association; P. O. Cherryville, North Carolina.

W. J. Francis, Moderator of Gaston County Baptist Association; P. O. Belmont, North Carolina.

TABLE II--SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF GASTON COUN

CHURCHES	Is it a Village, Town City or Country Church?	SUPERINTENDENT'S AND POSTOFFICES
Alexis	Village	C. L. Abernethy, Alexis, N. C.
Belmont, East	Town	J. B. Brown, Belmont, N. C.
Belmont, First	Town	D. P. Stowe, Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City	Town	A. F. Briggs, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bethel	Village	M. L. Capps, R. 1, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bruington	Town	F. G. Dawkins, Stanley, N. C.
Center View	Village	R. W. Wilson, North Belmont, N. C.
Cherryville	Town	J. T. Allen, Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton	Town	Bryan Hurd, Cramerton, N. C.
Dallas	Town	P. D. Summey, Dallas, N. C.
Gastonia, Calvary	Town	R. E. Price, R. 3, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, East	Town	G. C. Moss, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, First	Town	M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Flint Grove	Town	Ralph Wilson, East Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Loray	Town	L. J. Waldrop, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Marietta St.	Town	F. W. Lowe, R. 3, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, Temple	Town	Otto Perry, R. 4, Gastonia, N. C.
Hardin	Village	Justus J. Friday, Dallas, N. C.
Hickory Grove	Country	L. M. Flowers, R. 2, Mount Holly, N. C.
High Shoals	Town	Homer McCreary, R. 2, Dallas, N. C.
Hull's Grove	Country	Clayton Willis, R. 5, Vale, N. C.
Long Creek Memorial	Country	F. M. Pasour, Dallas, N. C.
Lowell, First	Town	A. E. Clemmer, Lowell, N. C.
McAdenville	Town	E. C. Adcock, McAdenville, N. C.
Mountain View	Village	J. C. Welch, R. 3, Kings Mountain, N. C.
Mount Beulah	Country	L. A. Barbee, R. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.
Mount Holly	Town	O. L. Hoffman, Mount Holly, N. C.
Mount Zion	Country	Wesley Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.
Ranlo	Village	E. G. Canipe, Ranlo Sta., Gastonia, N. C
Riverside	Village	J. R. Flowers, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.
Sandy Plains	Country	J. H. Millen, Belmont, N. C.
Shady Grove	Country	F. L. Mauney, Cherryville, N. C.
Spencer Mountain	Village	J. A. Graham, Lowell, N. C.
Tuckaseege	Village	G. E. Blankenship, Mount Holly. N. C
Webb's Chapel	Country	S. O. Murphy, R. 5, Lincolnton. N. C.
Woodlawn	Town	K. E. Sherrell, Lowell, N. C.

W. J. Francis, Moderator of Gaston County Baptist Association, P. O., mont, N. C.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, SEPT. 30, 1928

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION													
Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Total Enrollment	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions, Orphanage, etc	Have you a Mission Sunday School?	Enrollment of Mission Sunday School	Did you hold a Daily Vacation Bible School?	Enrollment Daily Vacation School	Average Attendance Daily Vacation School
	11	16	20	22	18	19	20	-	142	70	Yes	No	3	5	$ 67.47	$ 49.13	No	NOTHING TO REPORT IN THIS COLUMN.	No	---	---
	66	46	78	60	56	145	.....	.....	477	280	Yes	No	8	28	405.11	411.83	No		No	---	---
	28	18	32	37	36	88	16		269	150	No	No	7	28	296.67	402.60	No		No	---	---
	21	37	19	47	24	128	53	24	379	206	Yes	No	--	3	416.00	41.90	No		No	---	---
		20	17	--		20		---	62	50	No	No	2	---	----	5.32	No		No	---	---
	20	27	40	54	25	40	11	---	230	135	Yes	Yes	4	1	64.85	144.00	No		No	---	---
	50	--	54	28	134	13			292	100	No	No	---	---	--	--	No		No	---	---
	35	61	58	30	78	71	37	10	411	181	Yes	Yes	20	15	231.99	636.66	No		No	---	---
	42	70	81	53	78	69	32	20	500	306	Yes	No	21	29	470.20	95.32	No		No	---	---
	14	30	34	25	37	35	20	12	223	125	Yes	No	11	11	214.71	188.47	No		No	---	---
	28	20	82	50	68	135	5		400	219	No	No	1	20	427.21	12.00	No		No	---	---
	63	61	80	42	91	134			510	310	Yes	No	6	10	448.31	491.41	No		No	---	---
	61	93	123	94	50	487	56	45	1119	470	Yes	Yes	65	18	1,408.02	912.35	No		Yes	314	243
	60	75	75	75	200	135		---	635	381	No	No	---	---	---	166.57	No		No	---	---
	70	116	149	145	156	346	53	51	1159	488	Yes	No	40	60	803.43	669.87	No		No	---	---
	15	36	30	31	75	39	4	---	246	140	No	No	8	---	242.25	42.94	No		No	---	---
	25	71	75	44	72	95		--	415	225	No	No	19	24	90.00	73.42	No		No	---	---
	12	14	24	22	18	42	---	---	149	100	No	No	---	---	52.00	82.35	No		No	---	---
	14	17	17	13	12	53	--	---	137	83	No	No	1	3	191.39	161.03	No		No	---	---
	21	23	19	17	10	18			116	80		No	---	---	---- -	----	No		No	---	---
	12	14	18	30	11	27	33	-	156	49	No	No	3	---	40.00	8.48	No		No	---	---
	14	19	33	30	52	48		--	211	160	Yes	Yes	---	--	807.62	50.60	No		No	---	---
	40	54	45	41	53	69	50	--	372	213	Yes	No	8	23	363.38	278.00	No		No	---	---
	---	--	---	-	-			-	325	200	No	No	---	---	603.47	---	No		No	---	---
		20	12	18		12		--	67	60	No	Yes	---	---	2.00	60.00	No		No	---	---
	13	7	18	20	28	25			123	78	No	No	5	12	52.02	14.73	No		No	---	---
		---							465	205	Yes	No	---	10	983.55	89.14	No		No	---	---
	16	-	24	23	14	8	12	--	108	66	No	No	---	10	37.73	34.80	No		No	---	---
	30	45	60	25	70	60	8		318	250	No	No	---	10	---	---	No		No	---	---
	33	---	24	---	20	57	14	--	157	117	No	No	--	10	192.59	22.53	No		No	---	---
	30	---	24		33	46		-	142	84	No	No	1	15	37.28	70.82	No		No	---	---
	17	---	22	17	9	34	5	--	107	69	No	No	2	10	48.82	18.00	No		No	---	---
	1	---	---	-	-			-	138	78	No	No	---	---	-------	160.14	No		No	---	---
	38	13	13	20	30	66	14	--	204	145	No	Yes	---	---	-------	134.35	No		No	---	---
	10	8	11	10	--	6	--	---	50	30	No	No	---	---	-------	-------	No		No	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	---	132	95	No	No	---	---	----	-- -	No		No	---	---
75	909	1031	1411	1123	1558	2564	443	162	10946	5988			235	355	$8,998.13	$5,949.70				314	243

l P. Dellinger, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, P. O., Cherry-
ille, N. C.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When was it Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Are All Departments in Sunday School Provided For?	Are All Sunday School Classes Provided For?	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Mission Chapel, If Any	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Alexis	C. L. Abernethy, Alexis, N. C.	Yes	1904	Wood	400	5	No	No	$ 2,000.00	NOTHING TO REPORT IN THIS COLUMN		2,000.00	$	$
Belmont, East	J. J. Duncan, Belmont, N. C.	Yes	1919	Wood	400	8	No	No	10,000.00		12,000,00	28,000.00		3,000.00
Belmont, First	W. H. Stowe, Belmont, N. C.	Yes	1874	Brick	500	5	No	No	16,000.00		3,000.00	43,000.00		16,000.00
Bessemer City	J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City, N .C.	Yes	1922	Brick	500	13	No	No	40,000.00				13,000.00	15,000.00
Bethel	K. B. Plumley, R. 4, Gastonia, N. C.	No		Wood	200	3	No	No			3,000.00	13,000.00		
Bruington	Edgar McKelvey, Stanley, N. C.	Yes	1924	Brick	320	11	Yes	Yes	20,000.00		3,000.00	23,000.00	7,300.00	10,000.00
Center View	Miss Nellie Smith, North Belmont, N. C.	Yes	1925	Wood	1500	15	Yes	Yes	4,800.00		2,500.00	7,300.00	2,035.25	1,500.00
Cherryville	David P. Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.	Yes	1921	B &S	600	23	Yes	Yes	80,000.00		5,000.00	85,000.00	14,500.00	45,000.00
Cramerton	R. L. Leeper, Cramerton, N. C.	No	1919	Brick	500	7	No	No	50,000.00		3,000.00	53,000.00		
Dallas	R. E. Cooke, Dallas, N. C.	Yes	1914	Brick	600	6	No	No	20,000.00		10,000.00	30,000.00		10,000.00
Gastonia, Calvary	W. A. Marley, Pinkney Sta., Gastonia, N. C.	Yes	1923	Brick	475	8	Yes	Yes	20,000.00		3,000.00	23,000.00	8,400.00	1,200.00
Gastonia, East	M. T. Saunders, Jr., Gastonia, N. C.	Yes	1900	Brick	600	27	Yes	Yes	55,000.00		12,000.00	67,000.00	8,060.00	24,000.00
Gastonia, First	Owen W. Moran, Gastonia, N. C.	Yes	1923	Brick	1392	26	Yes	Yes	250,000.00		30,000.00	280,000.00		102,000.00
Gastonia, Flint Grove	A. L. Cline, East Gastonia, N. C.	Yes	1924	Brick	1000	12	Yes	Yes	15,000.00			15,000.00	8,500.00	13,000.00
Gastonia, Loray	C. T. Settlemeyer, Gastonia, N. C.	Yes	1923	Wood	1200	41	Yes	Yes	70,000.00		20,000.00	90,000.00		35,000.00
Gastonia, Marietta St.	G. A. Howell, 508 Oak St., Gastonia, N. C.	Yes	1917	Brick	400	11	No	No	25,000.00			25,000.00	3,500.00	
Gastonia, Temple	Otto Perry, R. 4, Gastonia, N. C.	Yes	1928	Wood	325	3	No	No	2,500.00			2,500.00	500.00	1,500.00
Hardin	Justus J. Friday, R. 1, Dallas, N. C.	No		Wood	250	1	No	No						
Hickory Grove	Geo. R. Abernethy, R. 2, Lowell, N. C	Yes	1906	Wood	500	3	No	No	5,000.00			5,000.00		3,500.00
High Shoals	O. L. Glymph, High Shoals, N. C.	Yes	1912	Wood	350	1	No	No	1,500.00			1500.00		
Hull's Grove	Bergin Hull, R. 5, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1890	Wood	500	2	No	No	2,000.00			2,000.00		1,500.00
Long Creek Memorial	A. R. Holland, Dallas, N. C.	Yes	1920	Brick	600	11	No	Yes	55,000.00		2,500.00	57,500.00	7,000.00	10,000.00
Lowell, First	Robert L. Reid, Lowell, N. C.	Yes	1928	Brick	600	15	Yes	Yes	40,000.00		8,000.00	48,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00
McAdenville	T. B. Thomason, McAdenville, N. C.	Yes	1887	Wood	400	9	Yes	Yes	5,000.00					
Mountain View	O. J .Lyda, R. 3, Kings Mountain, N. C.	No		Wood	300	1	No	No			2,500.00	7,500.00		6,000.00
Mount Beulah	M. L. Black, R. 1, Bessemer City, N. C	Yes	1916	Wood	400	8	Yes	Yes	5,250.00			5,250.00	500.00	
Mount Holly	F. L. Abernethy, Mount Holly, N. C.	Yes	1926	Brick	1000	18	Yes	Yes	60,000.00		5 000.00	65,000.00	16,500.00	30,000.00
Mount Zion	W. C. Houser, Cherryville, N. C.	Yes	1903	Wood	450	4	No	No	5,000.00			5,000.00		
Ranlo	W. M. McPherson, Ranlo Sta., Gastonia, N. C.	Yes	1923	Brick	400	14	Yes	Yes	15,000.00		3,500.00	18,500.00	7,100.00	
Riverside	W. A. Paysour, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.	Yes	1927	Wood	300	1	No	No	2,000.00		$	$ 2,000.00		1,200.00
Sandy Plains	W. E. Barnes, R. 1, Lowell, N. C.	Yes	1875	Wood	600	3	No	No	1,500.00			1,500.00		750.00
Shady Grove	D. R. Stroup, Cherryville, N. C.	Yes	1881	Wood	500	1	No	No	1,100.00			1,100.00	200.00	
Spencer Mountain	C. Y. Smith, Lowell, N. C.	No		Wood	300	4	No	No						
Tuckaseege	J. A. Guice, Mount Holly, N. C	Yes	1912	Wood	200	1	No	No	5,000.00		1,800.00	6,800.00		2,000.00
Webb's Chapel	F. B. Carpenter, R. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.	Yes	1892	Wood	250	1	No	No	1,500.00			1,500.00		300.00
Woodlawn	W. P. Walker, Lowell, N. C.	No												
					18812	322			$885,150.00		$129,800.00	$1,014,950.00	$102,095.25	$344,450.00

David P. Dellinger, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, P. O. Cherryville, N. C.

W. J. Francis, Moderator of Gaston County Baptist Association; P. O. Belmont, North Carolina.

TABLE IV---GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER [illegible], [illegible]

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK									
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total For Support Local Church Work
Alexis	F. B. Morris, Alexis, N. C.	$ 312.80	$ ------	$ 44.70	$ 2.10	$ 66.65	$ 94.35	$ ------	$ 2.76	$ ----	$ 523.36
Belmont, East	C. G. Rumfelt, Belmont, N. C.	2,600.00	-------	310.00	195.92	30.24	405.11	134.29	10.26	2,344.96	6,030.78
Belmont, First	R. B. Suggs, Belmont, N. C.	1,666.80	201.31	466.31	703.32	201.78	318.34	4.10	10.00	2,449.27	6,021.23
Bessemer City	J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City, N. C.	2,000.00	-------	50.00	2,543.85	215.00	173.00	---	10.00	--------	4,991.85
Bethel	J. E. Campbell, R. 4, Gastonia, N. C.	50.00	-------	30.00	-------	---- --	41.11	15.00	1.50	-------	137.61
Bruington	C. E. Ware, Stanley, N. C.	2,000.00	-------	95.00	1,729.90	190.62	65.00	------	------	36.15	4,116.67
Center View	Miss Nellie Smith, North Belmont, N. C.	1,300.00	261.20	30.00	6.30	32.25	-------	10.00	------	17.40	1,657.15
Cherryville	J. W. Kendrick, Cherryville, N. C.	3,058.10	100.00	--- --	1,927.89	441.28	315.74	72.00	14.37	548.60	6,477.98
Cramerton	D. M Ba.lard, Cramerton, N. C.	2,847.25	-------	100.00	400.00	140.75	451.70	43.00	10.00	285.20	4,277.90
Dallas	R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.	2,000.00	-------	148.00	211.99	148.00	214.71	27.50	5.00	89.78	2,844.98
Gastonia, Calvary	J. E. Campbell, Pinkney Sta., Gastonia, N. C.	1,687.50	-------	50.00	1,099.50	186.30	107.15	-------	10.00	773.04	3,913.49
Gastonia, East	C. O. Long, Gastonia, N. C.	2,600.00	-------	84.00	1,415.59	1,720.41	448.31	40.00	15.00	----	6,323.31
Gastonia, First	A. Froneberger, Gastonia, N. C.	2,918.75	4,800.00	250.00	11,166.92	5,258.14	749.32	273.73	25.00	173.46	25,615.32
Gastonia, Flint Grove	P. A. Cline, East Gastonia, N. C.	3,010.00	130.00	-------	2,165.92	802.74	185.63	604.67	12.00	115.11	7,026.07
Gastonia, Loray	R. C. Blanton, Gastonia, N. C.	3,500.00	780.00	420.00	3,995.47	1,586.42	803.43	223.86	10.00	----	11,319.18
Gastonia, Marietta St.	J. A. Parker, R. 3, Gastonia, N. C.	1,300.00	65.91	---- --	761.74	413.00	130.00	25.00	7.35	38.10	2,741.10
Gastonia, Temple	V. B. Shepherd, R. 4, Gastonia, N. C.	1,326.00	-------	31.00	510.00	155.50	122.00	34.50	3.50	165.26	2,347.76
Hardin	Justus J. Friday, R. 1, Dallas, N. C.	300.00	20.00	18.50	498.65	32.00	40.00	-------	2.67	----	911.82
Hickory Grove	Geo. R. Abernethy, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.	381.97	-------	71.70	30.80	40.40	127.20	19.43	5.00	456.45	1,132.95
High Shoals	O. L. Glymph, High Shoals, N. C.	408.95	-------	---	-------	-------	78.25	-------	1.50	--------	488.70
Hull's Grove	W. L. Cansler, R. 5, Vale, N. C.	300.00	-------	25.30	-------	-------	40.00	-------	1.25	--------	366.55
Long Creek Memorial	T. S. Summey, Dallas, N. C.	1,625.00	-------	73.50	871.72	216.87	13.75	10.00	3.00	753.56	3,567.40
Lowell, First	C. C. Reid, Lowell, N. C.	1,957.74	---	91.25	3,555.98	212.25	363.38	14.00	10.00	-----	6,204.60
McAdenville	C. E. Austin, McAdenville, N. C.	1,504.49	49.95	115.25	201.65	145.45	603.47	--------	3.65	115.83	2,739.74
Mountain View	J. C. Welch, R. 3, Kings Mountain, N. C.	208.00	-------	-------	-------	20.00	60.00	100.00	2.01	------	390.01
Mount Beulah	W. B. Elam, R. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.	437.50	-------	124.59	500.00	35.50	32.07	-------	4.89	58.60	1,193.15
Mount Holly	W. A. Autrey, Mount Holly. N. C.	2,055.41	-------	405.49	2,160.87	619.91	322.58	17.79	10.00	1,441.76	7,033.81
Mount Zion	C. J. Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.	480.00	-------	82.70	22.00	9.65	45.53	-------	5.91	----	645.79
Ranlo	A. C. Warlick, Gastonia, N. C.	1,723.36	-------	117.64	1,489.19	233.23	175.75	198.00	5.00	36.70	3,978.87
Riverside	E. R. Bumgardner, R. 2, Lowell, N. C.	357.41	-------	70.00	--------	53.53	101.90	16.80	2.50	--------	602.14
Sandy Plains	Henry Moton, R. 1, Lowell, N .C.	400.00	-------	53.00	200.00	55.00	37.28	-------	5.19	------	750.47
Shady Grove	D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville ,N. C.	355.67	-------	52.00	---- --	-------	66.82	--------	4.50	5.05	484.04
Spencer Mountain	C. Y. Smith, Lowell, N. C.	700.00	-------	60.25	500.00	55.60	64.80	-------	3.00	211.11	1,594.76
Tuckaseege	Mrs. Eva Cherry, Mount Holly, N. C.	466.28	-------	--------	82.60	103.26	103.24	24.30	3.87	--------	783.55
Webb's Chapel	W. R. Huffstetler, R. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.	74.00	24.60	-------	9.00	--------	11.03	-------	------	-------	118.63
Woodlawn	W. P. Walker, Lowell, N. C.	70.00	-------	35.31	--------	31.00	71.58	--------	1.23	176.00	385.12
		$47,892.92	$6,432.97	$3,505.49	$38,958.87	$13,452.73	$6,983.53	$1,907.97	$221.91	$10,291.89	$129,737.84

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CHURCHES	Gifts to the Cooperative Program	THESE COLUMS TO BE USED FOR "SPECIALS" OR DESIGNATED GIFTS ONLY											Total All Missions, Educational and Benevolence	Grand Total For All Local Church Expenses and All Missions and Benevolences	Tithers in Our Church	Budget for Local Expenses Adopted	Budget for All Missions, Etc., Adopted	Pledged to Cooperative Program Next Year
		City Missions	Association Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges	Hospitals	Orphanages	Aged Ministers Relief	Foreign Relief						
1—Alexis	$ 54.35	NOTHING TO REPORT IN THIS COLUMN	$ ____	$ 6.00	$ ____	$ 5.85	$ ____	$ 40.25	$ ____	$ 27.00	____	____	$ 133.45	$ 656.81	____	____	____	____
2—Belmont, East	910.83		____	25.65	____	15.65	____	54.67	18.48	367.70	____	____	1,392.98	7,423.76	10	Yes	Yes	$ ____
3— First	950.18		4.85	5.00	17.98	23.20	____	728.34	____	____	____	____	1,729.55	7,750.78	____	No	No	____
4—Bessemer City	133.82		____	27.80	6.15	15.40	17.65	55.00	____	41.90	____	____	297.72	5,289.57	____	No	No	____
5—Bethel	5.32		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	5.32	142.93	____	No	No	____
6—Bruington	14.00		11.00	33.25	22.20	20.50	____	____	____	____	____	____	100.95	4,217.62	6	No	No	____
7—Center View	____		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	1,657.15	____	____	____	____
8—Cherryville	1,826.56		____	74.99	42.97	73.83	45.00	18.00	____	348.92	____	____	2,430.27	8,908.25	____	No	No	____
9—Cramerton	498.81		____	23.00	20.30	117.65	25.00	18.03	____	95.32	____	39.07	837.18	5,115.08	12	Yes	No	____
10—Dallas	352.46		____	____	14.00	____	____	178.10	____	188.47	____	____	733.03	3,578.01	15	No	No	____
11—Gastonia, Calvary	33.00		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	12.00	____	____	45.00	3,958.49	10	No	No	____
12— East	1,348.82		____	____	____	____	____	____	50.00	491.41	____	____	1,890.23	8,213.54	____	No	No	____
13— First	7,772.76		____	57.67	____	____	____	438.10	____	1,188.45	____	____	9,456.98	35,072.30	____	Yes	Yes	____
14— Flint-Groves	166.57		____	____	____	____	66.00	____	____	____	____	____	232.57	7,258.64	____	No	No	____
15— Loray	505.20		____	16.00	22.40	18.90	246.69	111.50	101.18	546.53	____	____	1,568.40	12,887.58	____	No	No	____
16— Marietta St.	____		____	____	____	25.04	____	____	____	42.94	____	____	67.98	2,809.08	____	No	No	____
17— Temple	155.50		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	73.42	____	____	228.92	2,576.68	14	No	No	____
18—Hardin	____		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	911.82	____	No	No	____
19—Hickory Grove	424.31		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	424.31	1,557.26	10	No	No	____
20—High Shoals	____		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	488.70	____	No	No	____
21—Hull's Grovve	62.68		____	9.00	____	14.36	____	____	____	37.38	____	____	123.42	489.97	____	No	No	104.00
22—Long Creek Memorial	119.30		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	14.00	____	____	133.30	3,700.70	____	No	No	____
23—Lowell, First	155.14		____	____	____	____	45.00	220.00	____	____	____	____	420.14	6,624.74	____	Yes	No	____
24—McAdenville	653.08		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	653.08	3,392.82	____	No	No	____
25—Mountain View	6.40		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	8.00	____	____	14.40	404.41	____	No	No	____
26—Mount Beulah	____		____	10.70	14.88	15.90	5.00	____	8.85	23.50	5.90	6.00	90.73	1,283.88	____	No	No	____
27—Mount Holly	273.94		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	273.94	7,307.75	____	No	No	____
28—Mount Zion	52.55		____	____	____	____	____	43.50	19.80	18.00	____	____	133.85	779.64	____	No	No	____
29—Ranlo	191.44		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	68.04	____	____	259.48	4,238.35	10	Yes	Yes	250.00
30—Riverside	____		____	____	1.19	____	____	____	5.36	15.98	____	____	22.53	624.67	____	No	No	____
31—Sandy Plains	____		____	40.30	18.10	23.15	____	____	____	5.00	1.35	____	87.90	838.37	3	No	No	____
32—Shady Grove	____		____	2.00	6.10	13.21	27.75	58.70	14.80	30.00	2.00	____	154.56	638.60	____	No	No	____
33—Spencer Mountain	32.26		____	____	____	____	____	89.05	____	38.83	____	____	160.14	1,754.90	____	No	No	____
34—Tuckaseege	184.33		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	184.33	967.88	____	No	No	____
35—Webb's Chapel	____		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	1.00	____	____	1.00	119.63	____	No	No	____
36—Woodlawn	7.42		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	7.42	392.54	2	No	No	____
	$16,891.03		$15.85	$331.36	$186.27	$382.64	$478.09	$2,053.24	$218.47	$3,683.79	$9.25	$45.07	$24,295.06	$154,032.90	92			$354.00

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TABLE VI---B. Y. P. U.'S OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1928

CHURCHES	THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK													
	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Systematic Givers in All Unions	Total Number Daily Bible Readers
1—Alexis		1	1	3				14	12	17	43		
2—Belmont, East		1	1	1	3			18	35	26	79		
3— First			1	1	2				32	25	57		
4—Bessemer City		1	1	1	3			24	29	22	75	31	29
5—Bethel	1				1		18				18		
6—Bruington													
7—Center View		1	1	1	3			25	22	27	74	31	39
8—Cherryville													
9—Cramerton		1	2	2	5			23	31	32	86	56	58
10—Dallas		1	1	2	4	1		12	14	25	51	28	32
11—Gastonia, Calvary		1	1	1	3			27	15	30	72	32	16
12— East		1	3	1	5			28	38	22	88		35
13— First		2	2	2	6			31	53	42	126	90	65
14— Flint-Groves													
15— Loray	1	2	4	4	11	11	14	30	40	46	130	125	119
16— Marietta St.	1	1	1	1	4	2	12	17	8	8	45	45	
17— Temple	1	1	2	2	6	2	12	21	25	23	81	66	75
18—Hardin		1			1			26			26	26	14
19—Hickory Grove		1	1	1	3			13	13	16	42	17	14
20—High Shoals	1				1		28				28		
21—Hull's Grovve	1				1		10				10		
22—Long Creek Memorial		1	1	1	3	3		30	13	22	65		
23—Lowell, First		1	1	1	3			20	30	30	80		8
24—McAdenville		1		1	2			24		30	54		
25—Mountain View		1		1	2			35		20	55		
26—Mount Beulah		1		1	2			13		21	34		13
27—Mount Holly		1	1	1	3			14	25	6	45		
28—Mount Zion		1		1	2	1		19		18	37	25	5
29—Ranlo		1	1	2	4	4		19	20	28	67	40	33
30—Riverside			1	1	2			22	12		34	15	15
31—Sandy Plains		1		1	2			18		21	39		
32—Shady Grove		1			1			18			18	15	6
33—Spencer Mountain			1	1	2				14	16	30		
34—Tuckaseege		1		1	2	2		25		21	46	20	28
35—Webb's Chapel													
36—Woodlawn													
	6	27	28	34	95	26	94	566	481	594	1735	622	604

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TABLE VII---WOMAN'S WORK OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1928

CHURCHES	Number of Woman's Missionary Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G .A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A's Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions Aand Benevolences	Total Gifts All Purposes
Alexis	1					1	12					12		$ 6.99	$ 96.82	$ 103.8
Belmont, East	1				1	2	20				16	36		237.60	27.95	265.5
Belmont, First	1				1	2					25	25		1,750.00	1,159.90	2,909.9
Bessemer City	1				1	2	28				12	40		120.00	88.00	208.0
Bethel																
Bruington	1					1	18					18			101.05	101.0
Center View	1	1				2	6	6				12				
Cherryville	1				1	2	38				24	62		614.85	126.10	740.9
Cramerton	2	1			1	4	26	25			16	67	25		334.28	334.2
Dallas	1		1			2	20		12			32	11	116.74	292.51	409.2
Gastonia, Calvary																
Gastonia, East	1		1		1	3	30		7		10	47		48.61		48.6
Gastonia, First	1	1	1	1	1	5	192	18	18	10	51	289	57		3,056.84	3,056.8
Gastonia, Flint Grove	5					5	90					90		234.00		234.0
Gastonia, Loray	1				1	2	40				25	65			497.80	497.8
Gastonia, Marietta St.	1					1	12					12		97.15	15.04	112.1
Gastonia, Temple																
Hardin																
Hickory Grove	1					1	13					13		6.00	44.15	50.1
High Shoals																
Hull's Grove	1		1	1	1	4	12		10	8	12	42			12.69	12.6
Long Creek Memorial	1					1	12					12		5.20	23.50	28.7
Lowell, First	1	1			1	3	32	20			30	82				
McAdenville	1	1			1	3	23	25			25	73			44.34	44.3
Mountain View																
Mount Beulah	1					1	12					12			57.60	57.6
Mount Holly	1	1				2								476.00	149.96	625.9
Mount Zion																
Ranlo	1					1									78.68	78.6
Riverside					1	1										
Sandy Plains	1					1	15					15			35.10	35.1
Shady Grove																
Spencer Mountain																
Tuckaseege		1				1		17				17		37.48	12.50	49.9
Webb's Chapel																
Woodlawn																
	28	7	4	2	12	53	651	111	47	18	246	1073	93	$8,750.62	$6,254.81	$10,005.4

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Constitution

Name

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "The Gaston County Baptist Association.'

Object

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the gospel (as we hold it) to the people within the bounds of the Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, pastors of the churches in the Association, and Messengers from the churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof over and above 200 members and also one additional messenger for every five thousand dollars or fraction thereof, contributed to the causes of the two conventions.

Officers

Article 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, a Treasurer and a Clerk, all of whom shall be elected each, year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall correspond to the duties of the same officers in like organizations, or as defined by the Association from time to time.

Boards and Committees

Article 5. The Association shall elect an Executive Committee each year whose duties shall be to look after having the gospel preached in all parts of the Association, and to attend to all business of the Association between the sessions and to make such reports as they deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Association. The Association may appoint or elect such other Boards or Commitees from time to time as circumstances may require.

Time of Meeting

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually, on Tuesday after the Third Sunday in October. The Moderator may at the request of the Executive Committee change the time or the place of meeting of this Association when it may be deemed by him not expedient to meet at the time or place appointed.

Vacancies

Article 7. The Moderator in concurrence with the Executive

Committee may fill any vacancy occurring between meetings of the Association.

Amendments

Article 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the number enrolled on the first day of the Association.

By-Laws

No By-Laws Adopted: The Association follows Kerfoot's Rules of Order for Parliamentary authority.

HISTORICAL

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1919	Gastonia First	D. F. Putnam	H. B. Moore	David P. Dellinger
1920	Long Creek Memor'l	T. H. King	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1921	Cherryville	T. M. Kester	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1922	Cramerton	T. M. Kester	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1923	Loray Gastonia	E. C. Andrews	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1924	Mount Zion	J. O. Fulbright	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1925	Alexis	W. T. Baucom	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1926	Flint-Groves	O. W. Triplett	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1927	Hickory Grove	J. J. Beach	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1928	Gastonia, Marietta St	T. L. Cashwell	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger

MAILING CHURCH LETTERS

The Association requires that the Clerks of the several churches prepare and mail to the Clerk of the Association all Letters to the Association at least ten (10) days before the annual meeting.

Further, that the Associational Year close on the 30th, day of September each year.

Therefore, no collections made, members received or business done on or after October 1st, should be included in the previous year's report. It is important that this rule be observed strictly for uniformity of the facts and statistics.

FUNDS FOR MINUTES AND PRINTING

The Fund for Minutes and Printing should by all means be sent with the Letter to avoid delay in the printing and delivery of the Minutes. A committee from the association estimated that 3c per member should cover this item.

AN APPRECIATION

The Clerk of the Association hereby extends to all pastors, church clerks and officers his heartiest thanks and appreciation for their splendid co-operation during the past ten years. This has enabled us to have the Minutes out within about ten or twelve days which we feel is pretty good time. To the 10,106 members in the body he extends his heartiest good wishes in every good work.

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M. O. Thornburg, Clerk ..... Gastonia, N. C.
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Rev. L. L. Jessup ..... Lowell, N. C.
Dr. J. W. Whitley ..... Gastonia, N. C.
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Orphanage—J. A. Hudson ..... Gastonia, N. C.
Ministerial Relief—Geo. W. Davis ..... South Gastonia, N. C.
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Home Misions—W. L. Walters ..... Gastonia, N. C.
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Public Morals and Temperance—J. W. Kesterson ..... Dallas, N. C.
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A. U. Stroup, Mount Holly, N. C.
J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.

Term Expires 1931
J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.
R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.

Term Expires 1932
Dr. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia, N. C.
W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

Term Expires 1934
R. F. Craig, Stanley, N. C.
W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Term Expires 1933
D. P. Stowe, Belmont, N. C.
N. B. Kendrick, Cherryville, N. C.

THE GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST LOAN FUND

Executive Secretary—W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Loan Committee—J. P. Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.; M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia, N. C., and R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.

Associational Missionary or Other Paid Employee—None.

Standing Committee—None.

Representative of Laymen's Movement—None.

The Auxiliary Meetings—The Association has no W. M. U. Auxiliary, Sunday School Convention, B. Y. P. U. or Laymen's Convention which meets at the same time or during sessions of the Association.

MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God—Col. 4:12.

(Adopted at the Organization of the Association November 4, 1919).

List of Messengers

1929 SESSION

ALEXIS—W. H. Hoover, Lucas Holland, C. W. Shelt on, Mrs. S. M. Stroup, S. M. Stroup, L. V. Hovis, Mrs. W. H. Hoover,

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BELMONT FIRST—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Francis, R. B. Suggs, R. A. Kelly.

BESSEMER CITY—H. T. Daniel, A. F. Suggs, C. J. Black, V. L. Splawn, B. E. Carpenter.

BETHEL—H. W. Baucom.

BRUINGTON—J. E. Chronister, F. G. Dadkin, W. T. Baucom.

CENTER VIEW—Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cain.

CHERRYVILLE—J. J. Beach, D. P. Dellinger, Leslie Bookout, W. T. J. Styres, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. T. Styres, H. H. Allen, Lillian Williams, Mrs. H. H. Allen, Tullie McCurrie.

CRAMERTON—E. V. Hudson, Mrs. E. V. Hudson, Bryan Hurd.

DALLAS—W. T. Baucom, Mrs. Y. G. Dixon.

GASTONIA, CALVARY—Geo. W. Davis.

GASTONIA EAST—J. D. Howe, Mrs. T. L. Cashwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mann, T. L. Cashwell, Mrs. D. H. Campbell.

GASTONIA FIRST—Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore, F. E. Saunders, B. F. Norris, Sr., J. S. Wray, H. O. Eisenhour, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wray, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Thornburg.

GASTONIA FLINT GROVE—A. M. Black, B. F. Austin, Mrs. G. C. Bracket, G. C. Hampton.

GASTONIA LORAY—J. W. Whitley, J. P. Thomas, R. C. Blanton.

GASTONIA MARIETTA STREET—G. H. Rider, J. A. Hudson, Mrs. Jennie M. Rider.

GASTONIA TEMPLE—W. A. Hoffman.

HICKORY GROVE—L. M. Flowers, J. F. Abernethy.

HIGH SHOALS—J. H. Stafford, O. H. Dillard.

HULL'S GROVE—J. H. Brendel, T. B. Hull, C. M. Robinson.

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL—T. C. Smith, Mrs. T. C. Smith, M. P. Rhyne, H. W. Jenkins, A. R. Holland, J. W. Kesterson.

LOWELL FIRST—A. E. Clemmer, Mrs. Ralph Featherstone, L. L. Jessup, Mrs. L. L. Jessup, Mrs. J. L. Hoffman, Mrs. M. M. Parker.

McADENVILLE—W. O. Rivenbark, Tobe Abernethy, T. B. Thomasson.

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MT. HOLLY—F. L. Abernethy, Geo. L. Mullis, S. J. Skidmore, W. W. Skidmore, N. E. Bachelor, J. L. Vass.

MT. ZION—C. J. Dellinger, Edna Crowder, Ellie Mae Black, W. C. Houser.

RANLO—W. L. Walters, Mrs. J. B. Hollifield, Mrs. O. G. Paysour, E. G. Canipe.

RIVERSIDE—B. B. Abernethy, R. U. Brooks.

SANDY PLAINS—W. E. Beaty, Mrs. W. F. Beaty, Leonard Hoffman.

SHADY GROVE—Will Sellers, Jno. S. Stroup, W. G. Camp.

SPENCER MOUNTAIN—D. L. Rohn, L. M. Flowers.

TUCKASEEGE—A. A. Lockee.

WEBB'S CHAPEL—

WOODLAWN—C. F. Comstock, J. R. Brooks, W. P. Walker.

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Dr F. P. Gaines, President Wake Forest College; Mrs. E. H. Biggerstaff, Mt. Beulah Church; Mrs. W. C. Rivenbark, McAdensville, N. C.; Mrs. W. H. Kay, McAdenville, N. C.; W. O. Glover, Belmont, N. C.; R. G. Short, West Hickory, N. C.; Mrs. J. W. Kesterson, Long Creek Memorial; Mrs. B. H. Carpenter, Mt. Beulah; Hoyle Martin, Sandy Plains. Norman Roberts, Boiling Springs Jr. College; Dr. J. B. Davis, President Boiling Springs Jr. College; H. C. Rushing, Boiling Springs Jr. College; Leland Royster, Boiling Springs Jr. College; J. R. Robbins, Boiling Springs Jr. College; Yates Abernethy, Boiling Springs Jr. College; J. A. McMillan, Thomasville Orphanage; M. E. Lay, Lowell, N. C.; James M. Blair, Lowell, N. C.; Mrs. R. F. Harris, Lowell, N. C.; Mrs. D. G. Watts, Ranlo, N. C.. Helen Beatty, Sandy Plains; W. J. Beam, Mt. Holly, N. C.; H. C. Sprauce, Mrs. B. T. Hazlett, Gastonia, N. C.; O. P. Hamrick, Boiling Springs Jr. College; J. D. Moose, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association; Mrs. F. G. Dawkins, Stanley, N. C.; R. G. Short, South Fork Association; L. A. McClure, South Fork Association; Rev. R. L. Shirley, Raleigh, N. C.; Jas. B. Ivey, Boiling Springs, N. C.; A. V. Washburn, Shelby, N. C.; Rev. Walter Gilmore, Raleigh, N. C.. J. M. Arnette, Boiling Springs Jr. College; Bertie Cash, Boiling Springs Jr. College; Madge Spurling, Boiling Springs Jr. College; Lillian Whisnant, Boiling Springs Jr. College; Mozeele Gold, Boiling Springs Jr. College. J. L. Jenkins, Boiling Springs Jr. College; T. P. Stanfield, Clover, S. C.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Eleventh Annual Session

OF THE

GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

MOUNT HOLLY BAPTIST CHURCH

MOUNT HOLLY, N. C.

FIRST DAY

Wednesday, October 23, 1929, 9:30 A. M.

1. The Eleventh Annual Session of the Gaston County Baptist Association convened with the Mount Holly Baptist Church, Mount Holly, N. C., Wednesday, October 23, 1929, at 9:30 A. M.

2. Mr. W. J. Francis leads the opening song service and Dr. J. W. Whitley conducts the devotional in the absence of Dr. J. B. Davis.

3. Rev. R. G. Mace, Moderator, calls the Association to order for the transaction of business and appoints W. J. Francis and W. L. Walters as Committee on Enrollment. On motion the Association proceeds with the transaction of business pending the report of the Enrollment Committee. The Enrollment Committee reports 110 delegates and 35 visitors at the opening session.

4. On recommendation of the Program Committee the order of business is changed to receive the reports on Public Morals and Temperance by Dr. J. W. Whitley and Religious Literature by Rev. T. L. Cashwell at 1:45 this

P. M., and the Report on Christian Education by Mr. Joe S. Way at 2 o'clock tomorrow due to Dr. F. P. Gaines' inability to be present until tomorrow.

5. Rev. L. L. Jessup reads the Report on Hospitals.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

We are reminded by New Testament writers that one of the principal features in the program of Jesus was that of healing the physical body. The great need of following the example of our Lord is demonstrated by the demands now being made upon the resources of our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. People from all sections of our great Commonwealth are knocking at the door, some diseased, some deformed, some needing surgical work. Hundreds have been admitted to the institution where they have been healed and sent back to their homes and families rejoicing in good health. Without the help of our hospital many of these would be sleeping in their graves today, and many more would still be suffering from some torturing deformity or physical ailment.

Demands for charity work increases every year. Last year the Hospital cared for 345 free and 1,053 part pay patients. Of this number 16 died and 1,364 returned to their homes cured, or much improved. This year the number of free and part pay patients will total more than 1,500.

To care for this charity work is one of the many problems of the Hospital. It will be necessary this year to spend at least $50,000 for this work. About $15,000 of this will come from the Mother's Day offering, and $10,000 from the Duke Foundation. Last year $19,500 was taken from the operating expenses to help care for charity patients. Only seven churches in this Association reported as paying to the Hospital in 1928, and yet this is the only way in which we may have an opportunity to help our sick and afflicted brethren.

The Nurse's Home has been built and is already free from debt at a cost of $47,500. No church was asked to give a cent to pay for this building. The Baptist women of the State paid for half of it, and the other half was paid by personal gifts, and loans from the operating account.

Your committee desires to make special mention of the splendid work done by our Associational B. Y. P. U. in promoting interest in the Mother's Day offering. We would recommend that this work be continued next year, and that at least one member from each B. Y. P. U. be designated by our Associational director to bring the matter to the attention of the church.

We could further recommend that this Association appoint a representative whose duty it shall be to promote the interest of the Hospital among the churches, and that the Clerk be instructed to forward the name and address to Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. JESSUP.

6. Mr. R. B. Suggs reads the Report on Orphanage.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Our Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, N. C., received the first child on November 11, 1885, and up to February 1, 1928, 2,639 children had been enrolled, the present enrollment at this time was 616 of which 116 were in the Kennedy Memorial Home. The Kennedy home, located near Kinston, N. C., is the eastern branch of the orphanage. It has been in operation since 1914. It is not an independent institution. It and Thomasville are under the same general management.

Mother's Aid work has been in operation for six or eight years and during the past 43 years, counting mother's aid and all, the orphanage has helped more than 3,250 children. No other orphanage is so closely bound with the Sunday Schools as ours. The once-a-month collection should be stressed. In recent years the Thanksgiving offering has been of immense help. Of more than 2,200 Sunday Schools, less than 600 contribute regularly. "Charity and Children" should go into every Baptist home in North Carolina. The price to single subscribers is $1.00 and in clubs of 10 or more to one address the price is 60 cents a year.

I would suggest that you patronize the printing department. It is the only department that makes any money for the orphanage.

Children are received between the ages of 2 and 12 years. From 50 to 100 applications are received a month and the most of them are turned away for lack of room. Fifty-six women and 22 men devote all their time to the orphanage. The children go to school half of the day. Those who are old enough are on duty the other half.

The girls are instructed in sewing, laundrying, etc. The orphanage has enough cows to furnish each child with a quart of milk a day. They have also gone in for poultry on a large scale and children who come to the orphanage undernourished are often nourished back to robust health.

The school work is on the graded system from the kindergarten through the eleventh grade. Special effort is made to cultivate the finer taste in the children. A library of over 3,000 volumes is provided. Little parties and receptions are given the boys and girls. Athletics and all games are encouraged. Religious training is given its proper place at our Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. SUGGS.

7. Dr. B. A. Bowers reads the Report on Ministerial Relief and Annuities.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

Your Committee begs leave to present the following report which was compiled by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.—B. A. Bowers.

The cause of Ministerial Relief is being promoted by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Thomas J. Watts is the Executive Secretary.

The Relief and Annuity Board is the agency of the Convention through which the contributions of the churches are distributed to approximately 1450 ministers, and widows and orphans of ministers.

During the past year relief benefits were paid to 1333 persons including 150 orphan children who were indirectly aided, and Annuity benefits were paid to 110 ministers, widows and orphans. The current contributions of the churches were supplemented from the interest earnings on the Board's invested funds, and the total amount paid to beneficiaries was $162,705.06. This was the largest sum ever paid in any year by several thousands of dollars.

The contributions of the churches were less last year than the previous year by about $20,000.00. The steady decrease in the contributions of the churches is making it more and more difficult for the Board to add new names to its roll of relief beneficiaries, while at the same time the Annuity Fund cannot safely increase its liabilities without running risk of reduced benefits. The obligations of Southern Baptists to their disabled and aged minsters cannot be properly met until our people comes to think of this work in terms commensurate with its real size. And not until we as a denomination "lay by in store" a great fund to be invested and compounded against the day of need will we ever meet that need in any worthy manner.

The Reserve Annuity Plan will always yield larger and surer results than the Relief Plan, which merely distributes the fluctating contributions of the churches and the interest earnings on endowments month by month as they come in. Compound interest reduces the capital cost of ministerial relief by from 54 per cent to 65 per cent. Annuities for preachers, therefore, are not expensive when the reserve method of providing them has been followed.

We rejoice in the great success that has already come to the Relief and Annuity Board, yet the payment of $1,300,000 (one million, three hundred thousand dollars) in benefits and the growth in its resources from $106,000.60 (one hundred and six thousand dollars and sixty cents) in 1919 to $3,028,000 (three million and twenty-eight thousand dollars) in 1929 is only illustrative of what is possible for it to achieve, if only the Reserve Annuity Plan is pressed to its logical conclusion. Let it be remembered that the accumulations of the Board are in the nature of the case to be found on the Annuity side of its work, since the earnings of the Relief Fund have to be used month by month in paying the beneficiaries. Increased endorsement is being diligently sought for both the Relief and the Annuity Funds, and that with some meas-

ure of success. The resources of the Board must be much larger if our ministers and their families are to be more adequately cared for.

On motion to adopt the three reports are discussed jointly by Dr. B. A. Bowers, Mr. J. P. Thomas, Dr. E. V. Hudson and Mr. J. A. McMillan. Dr. E. V. Hudson and Mr. J. P. Thomas discusses the Report on Hospitals. Dr. J. A. McMillan of the Thomasville Orphanage discusses interestingly the work of the Orphanage, giving some illustrations of how the children live. Dr. B. A. Bowers gave a brief but interesting discussion of Ministerial Relief and Annuities. The reports are adopted.

8. The Moderator names the following committees:

Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year: W. T. Baucom, C. J. Black and Geo. W. Davis.

Committee to Nominate Executive Committee: Arthur Clemmer, J. W. Kesterson and C. M. Robinson.

Committee on Order of Business: J. L. Vass, W. J. Francis and C. G. Rumfelt.

Committee on Place and Preacher: A. T. Cain, D. P. Dellinger and C. F. Comstock.

Committee to Nominate Trustees of Boiling Springs Junior College: W. G. Camp, J. A. Hudson and W. E. Beatty.

Dr. J. L. Vass, Pastor of the local church, speaks a word of welcome and makes an announcement regarding lunch to be served all delegates and visitors.

10. The Moderator recognizes the new pastors and visitors whose names are given elsewhere in the minutes.

11. Mr. D. P. Dellinger reads the report of the Treasurer, which is adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cherryville, N. C., October 22, 1929.

To the Gaston County Baptist Association:

I submit herewith report as Treasurer of the Association for the year ending September 30, 1929:

Receipts

From churches (see Table IV)	$ 221.91
Hull's Grove	2.00
Bruington	7.50
Webb's Chapel	1.20
W. J. Francis, donation	5.00
David P. Dellinger, donation	5.00
E. B. Denny and M. A. Stroup, South Fork Institute Funds Institute Funds and interest	761.00
Deficit due the Clerk	34.61
Total receipts	$1,038.92

Disbursements

Paid to N. C. Baptist Foundation, for Boiling Springs College students	$ 761.00
Loftin & Co., minutes, programs, cuts and supplies	206.35
David P. Dellinger, Clerk, services, postage, stationery and expenses distributing minutes	22.95
Deficit for 1928 paid	22.92
	$1,038.22

As noted the report shows a deficit of $34.61 to balance the account. After allowing credit for donations made from time to time by the clerk this item covers all deficits for the past ten years. This is a most excellent record by our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Treasurer.

12. Rev. R. A. Kelley leads the Association in singing "Draw Me Nearer," after which the Boiling Springs Quartette sings.

13. Dr. B. A. Bowers preaches the Annual Sermon, which was a masterful message and well received, using as his text, "What think ye of Christ?"

14. On motion the Association adjourns for the noon hour by singing "Jesus is all the world to me."

Wednesday Afternoon Session

15. The Association convenes at 1:30 P. M. Prof. H. C. Rushing of Boiling Springs Junior College leads in singing several familiar songs after which he introduces the B. S. J. C. male quartette, composed of Messrs. Recter Robbins, Norman Roberts, Leland Royster and Yates Abernethy, who inspired the Association with their sing-

ing. Dr. J. B. Davis, President of B. S. J. C., led the devotional, using as his subjest: "How shall we revitalize Southern Baptists? How shall we enlist and train the new converts in Christian Service and Stewardship?"

16. Dr. J. W. Whitley reads the report on Public Morals and Temperance, which on motion is adopted.

PUBLIC MORALS AND TEMPERANCE

This is an old subject which has always had and always will have a present day application. The reason for this is the fact that human nature is the same everywhere and in every age.

The subject divides itself naturally into two parts.

I. Public Morals

There are many things in our present day civilization which tend to lower our public morals and against which we should keep up a continuous firing line. It would be in place to name a few of these things in this connection.

1. We would mention first the breaking down of our home life and our family altars. Our industrial age has obliterated these to a great extent. Home has become a mere rooming and boarding place. Obedience and reverence to parents on the part of the children are fading out like a rainbow after the summer cloud. This accounts in a large measure for Jackson Training School and Samarcand, and our jails and chain gangs and penitentiaries are full and running over.

2. Closely to this is the divorce evil. We have reached the place where one marriage in seven is legally dissolved. This is a dark blot in our civilization. There is something morally wrong. Surely God was left out of such marriages.

3. The public and private dance has always been and still is a menace to our morals. Dancing would die of its own accord if the sexes were not allowed to dance together. The dance thrives on the thrill of the opposite sex.

4. The automobile with all the blessing which it has brought to us has likewise added a new emphasis to immorality. They would tell a sordid tale if they could speak. The imps in the underworld would blush in shame if such were possible.

5. Yellow literature (if such can be called literature) is one of our greatest sources of infection. We have no adequate laws by which we can curb this menace to the morals of our young people. Many a young person and older one too live over again the obscene things mentioned and hinted at in these yellow journals.

6. The next greatest curse to our morals in the mind of the writer is the moving picture show. There is probably one in fifty which carries no suggestion to immorality. But our children and young people would hardly see a single grain of gold in so much silt. If

we gain 95 per cent of our knowledge through out eyes, no wonder that the movies are sending so many people on the downward road.

7. But the greatest curse to morality is the breaking down of the Bible Sabbath with the continental Sunday. People never rise above their ideals. High ideals are not and can not be created by a continental Sunday. When Isreal's feet were slipping, old Samuel said, "Let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there." Our people everywhere need to be called back to our Lord's day and renew their covenant there week by week.

II. Temperance

There has been a continuous warfare between temperance and intemperance since the days of Noah and his two daughters. This struggle will doubtless continue to the end of time because of the depravity of man.

In our own great country we won a glorious victory last November when the forces of righteousness led by the preachers of this country dealt a sola-plexus blow to the liquor forces in the country when they rose up and showed the politicians that they were not wooden pegs on a chessboard to be played at the will of political leaders, but were red blooded men who had convictions on moral questions and were not afraid to vote their convictions at the polls.

There is now pending before congress a bill which would make the buyer of liquor equally guilty with the seller. Let us hope and pray it may become a law of our land.

We need to teach, preach and practice temperance until we shall have created a public consciousness which will frown down upon this nefarious traffic with such force that it will be destroyed as the germs and diseases are destroyed by the blaze of our sun. The Son of Righteousness shining through our hearts and lives would do this.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS W. WHITLEY.

17. On motion the time is extended and Rev. T. L. Cashwell is given fifteen minutes for the Report on Religious Literature. On motion to adopt, the Report is discussed by Rev. R. L. Shirley, of the Biblical Recorder. The report is adopted.

REPORT OF RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Some one has truly said, "The age in which we live is the reading age of the world. Never before was the world's product of reading matter so vast, both in volume and variety." This is due largely to our educational advantages which enable us to appreciate literature as never before.

This literary age is fraught with danger however, for with this

desire for reading matter there has come a great flood of literature that is unwholesome and degrading in its influence. Literature wields a silent but powerful influence over the lives of all who read. What you read is more than an index to your character, it really has a great deal to do in making your character. The silent message of a printed page has changed the career of many lives for better or worse.

While it is true that much of our present day literature is laden with rot and filth which is calculated to demoralize the coming generation, politically, socially and spiritually; yet it is a fact also that there is an abundance of wholesome literature that could be, and ought to be used in our homes to counteract this evil. It behooves every true parent to place before the child the very best literature possible.

Our own denominationl press can serve to a larger measure in providing wholesome reading matter. For instance, our state paper, the "Biblical Recorder", is filled with interesting and instructive matter suited to all ages. Each issue contains a variety of reading matter that appeals to young and old and is wholsome from beginning to end. We should seek to secure its weekly visits in every Baptist home.

"Charity and Children" is a small sheet, but great in its influence. Never does it come from the press that it isn't full of precious truths and thoughts that will invariably inspire all who read it. This periodical is published at our own orphanage and every Baptist Sunday School should take pride in placing it in every home possible.

Our Southern Baptist Sunday School Board publishes, in addition School and B. Y. P. U., one of the finest missionary journals in America. This is "Home and Foreign Fields", a monthly magazine devoted to our kingdom-wide missionary and benevolent enterprises.

"Royal Service" is the monthly magazine published by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. The vast and essential work of the women could never be accomplished without the aid of this excellent periodical.

Time and space forbid that we catalogue the innumerable books, tracts and periodicals of a general order. Suffice it to say, we have no lack of good wholesome literature at almost give-away prices. The task before us now, is that of arousing our people to a sufficient appreciation and use of what we have by cultivating a desire for it. This can be done only by placing one or more of these periodicals in our homes where those who read might have access to them.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. CASHWELL, Committee.

18. Mr. J. P. Thomas reads the Report on B. Y. P. U. which is adopted.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

This has perhaps been the greatest year's work in our B. Y. P. U. history in view of the many handicaps we have had.

In November a great simultaneous training campaign was successful in which 16 or 17 churches participated.

In our Associational Convention at Loray we had about 30 churches represented and a splendid program was carried out that gave inspiration and information to our young people. Rev. J. A. Ivey, our State Secretary, Rev. Coy Muckle, Dr. R. A. Kelley, Belmont, Dr. J. B. Davis of Boiling Springs Junior College, and other fine talent, were on the program.

We won the efficiency Banner in the State Convention at Raleigh this year, making a grade of 12½ per cent higher than any other association reporting in North Carolina.

This year has witnessed more general organizations being set up in our church than all the other ten years combined in our history.

In all four districts the quarterly rallies have been carried out regularly with a splendid attendance. Last spring our Associational B. Y. P. U. were enlisted and went to our hospital at Winston-Salem and secured acts and then presented this to the churches in our Association of the hospital needs preparatory to the Mother's Day offering, thereby setting a pace to be followed by all the North Carolina Baptist Assocations.

We have exactly 100 unions reported in our Association representing one or more unions in every one of our thirty-six Baptist churches. Nine churches had all their unions to die during this summer and your director has agreed to help to reorganize every one of these anew, thereby making a total of one or more live B. Y. P. U.'s in every church in the Gaston County Association.

Our three goals for next year are: (1) A-1; (2) Extension work and (3) soul winning.

The director has visited on the average of one church each Sunday during his term of office, all of which has been done as a labor of love entirely for the Master's cause.

Our next convention meets the first Sunday in June with the Mt. Holly church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. THOMAS, Association B. Y. P. U. Director.

In the discussion of the report, Mr. Thomas emphasized three goals: Standard Unions, Extension work and Soul Winning. Dr. J. W. Whitley discusses co-operation on the part of the local church in the B. Y. P. U. work. Mr. Leslie Bookout tells in an interesting way what the B. Y. P. U. has meant to him. On motion the time is is extended 15 minutes and Rev. Jas. Ivey, State B. Y. P. U.

Secretary, is recognized, who gives an able discussion of the B. Y. P. U. work and it's possibilities.

19. Mr. Bryan Hurd reads the Report on Sunday Schools, which is adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

General Statements

The Baptist Sunday School work of North Carolina has produced great and good results, and by these results we are placed among the leading Sunday School States of the South.

These achievements are due largely to the leadership of our State Sunday School officers, and we owe much in praise and in gratitude to those who direct our State Sunday School work.

Though we have decreased in membership in our state we still claim advancements have been made.

Some of Our Achievements

1. As a state we have spent much time and work in educating and training Sunday School officers and teachers.

13,860 teachers training awards were given to North Carolina Baptists last year.

There are now 123 standard Sunday schools in the State; a gain of five over last report.

Teachers are better prepared, Sunday Schools are better organized and more and better work is promised than ever before.

We have 2,281 churches in the State with a membership of 386,-405. In these churches are 2,177 Sunday Schools with a membership of 331,728, a decrease in Sunday School membership of 2,505, and 81 less Sunday Schools.

2. As to the Association, we have 36 churches in the Association, with a membership last year of 10,106.

There is a Sunday School in each church with an enrollment of 10,946, or 840 more than the church membership. The average attendance last year was 5,988.

355 baptisims were reported from the Sunday School and gifts totaling $14,948.00.

We have only six standard Sunday Schools in the Association. There are 753 officers and teachers, with 235 holding Nomal Course Diplomas. Only one Daily Bible Vacation School was held last year.

The loss in membership is credited to the fact that the state and county Sunday School rolls have been revised.

These are only a few of the facts of our Sunday Schools, much could be reported, but this should be sufficient to inspire us to greater work.

Recommendatoins

1. That we give more earnest thought to the problem of training teachers.

2. That we do more toward making our Sunday Schools standard.

3. That we do all possible in the holding of Daily Bible Vacation schools.

Respectfully submitted,

BRYAN HURD, Committee.

Mr. Hurd also offers the following resolution:

RESOLUTIONS

In view of the fact that the Sunday Schools in our Association have no means of convening with each other, and in view of the fact that the Sunday Schools are not reaching by far their possibilities,

And in view of the fact that the officers and teachers of our Sunday Schools desire and need knowledge obtained only by associating and counciling with others,

Therefore let it be resolved, that we, the Gaston County Baptist Association, approve the organizing of a County Baptist Sunday School Convention. Said Convention to be under the jurisdiction of the Association, and under the leadership of a director appointed by the Association at each annual meeting.

BRYAN HURD.

On motion to adopt Rev. T. L. Cashwell offers a substitute motion to refer the resolution of Mr. Hurd to a Director, to be elected by the Association, who will call a meeting of the pastors and S. S. superintendents and that they be and are hereby empowered to form a Sunday School organization. The substitute motion is adopted.

20. On recommendation of the Program Committee Dr. J. B. Davis is recognized, who gives the report of the Trustees of Boiling Springs College. The report carries a recommendation that this Association elect successors to the trustees whose tenure of service expires this year. The report is received and the recommendations contained therein together with the report are referred to a committee on Boiling Springs College, composed of R. A. Kelley, E. V. Hudson, T. L. Cashwell, W. T. Baucom and L. L. Jessup, appointed by the Moderator.

21. Rev. J. J. Beach reads the report on Denominational Schools, which is adopted. The report is discussed by Rev. J. J. Beach and Rev. W. L. Walters. The Report on Denominational Schools of Rev. Beach is referred to the Committee on Boiling Springs College and recommendation of the Program Committee. The report of the committee is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 9:45.

DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is sponsoring the conducting of seven denominational schools, to-wit: Wake Forest College, Meredith College, Chowan, Campbell, Mars Hill, Wingate and Boiling Springs. For a combination of reasons all of these institutions are having a great struggle to maintain their standards and live with the great competition they are meeting from other institutions better equipped and endowed than our Baptist schools are at present.

The school with which we are more especially concerned in this Association is Boiling Springs High School and Junior College.

This school is chartered in the name of the Kings Mountain, Sandy Run and Gaston County Assocations. When the proposition was being urged to advance the institution to a junior college and the centennial campaign was put on to raise funds to take care of the educational situation in this State, the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations were put on their metal to raise $200,000 in cash or good subscriptions for the school and centennial to be divided by a agreement between the trustees and Dr. Maddry. Our Association, without being consulted, was left out of the arrangements. Since then we have been in the embarrassing position of having trustees to aid in guiding the school but without authority from our Association to act in their behalf.

Your committee further recommends that in case above recommendation is not approved by the Gaston County Association that the Association relieve the Gaston County trustees of further responsibility in representing the Association as members of the board of trustee.

Recommended

That a committee be appointed by the moderator to consider the recommendation offered here, and report at a later hour during this session.

J. J. BEACH.

22. The Committee on Place and Preacher recommends the Baptist Church of Bessemer City as the place for the next meeting and Rev. R. A. Kelley to preach the

Annual Sermon, Rev. J. A. Hudson, alternate. The recommendation is adopted.

23. On motion of L. L. Jessup, which is duly seconded and by vote of 83, or more than two-thirds of the delegates, is amended to read, "The Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October."

Wednesday Evening Session, 7:15.

24. The Moderator calls the Association to order. The devotional is led by Mr. Rushing of Boiling Springs College, who leads in the singing of several songs and calls upon Dr. B. A. Bowers to lead in prayer.

25. Mr. Emery B. Denny reads the report on Stewardship and ably dicusses the report, using as a basis for his discussion 1 Cor. 16:2 and Mal. 3:10. Rev. W. M. Gilmore, Mission Secretary of the State Mission Board was recognized and spoke interestingly and helpfully to the Report on Christian Stewardship. The report is adopted.

STEWARDSHIP

The progress that we make as a denomination is so dependent upon our faithfulness to properly use not only whatever spiritual gifts we may have, but also to rightly use the material things entrusted to our possession; that those charged with the responsibility of leadership in the denomination, should have our careful and sincere consideration of the present lack of full and proper co-operation in the matter of Christian Stewardship.

The individual, I believe, often misconceives the requirements, and has a tendency to conscientiously believe that he is expected to assume a real burden in connection with the denominational program. As a matter of fact in our business dealings with each other we are never so lenient, and never establish rules and contracts so flexible as God has laid down for us in His word. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him," 1 Cor. 16:2. The obligation is plain, falling with equal justice and equal duty upon the rich and poor. The secret lies in our willingness to keep faith. The material necessities for our work at home and abroad are abundant and at hand. Let us as Christian Stewards by precept and example show our faith by our works. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it," Mal. 3:10.

EMERY B. DENNY, for the Committee.

26. Prof. Rushing of B. S. C., led in singing "Blessed Assurance," and introduced the College Male Quartette, which inspired the Association by singing a special selection.

27. In the absence of Dr. E. A. Fuller of Atlanta, who was detained, Dr. J. B. Davis brings a strong message on Evangelism, using as his outline: "Evangelism, Evangels and Methods."

Thursday Morning Session, 9:30.

28. After the Association is called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. M. Gilmore of Raleigh leads the song service. Rev. W. Arthur Hoffman reads 5th chapter of Eph., after which Dr. J. B. Davis leads in prayer.

29. Rev. L. L. Jessup reads the report of the Committee on Boiling Springs College as follows:

COMMITTEE ON BOILING SPRINGS COLLEGE

Your Committe on the Boiling Springs College situation begs to offer the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the report of the trustees of Boiling Springs College carrying with a recommendation for ministerial student aid of $346.00 be adopted by the Association.

2. We offer the following substitute recommendation to the Beach recommendations:

That whereas there is an agreement between this Association and the trustees of Boiling Springs College that this Association shall not be financially obligated to the institution by electing trustees to the Board;

Now, therefore, we recommend that this Association continue its representation on said Board of Trustee until the next regular meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. KELLY,
E. V. HUDSON,
T. L. CASHWELL,
W. T. BAUCOM,
L. L. JESSUP, Committee.

The Committee further recommends:

1. That we adopt the report submitted by Dr. J. B. Davis yesterday afternoon.

2. That we continue our representation on the Board of Trustees until the next regular meeting of the Association. The Moderator calls the attention of the Association to the resolution passed by the last Association on this subject. The report and recommendations of the committee are adopted, after being discussed by Dr. B. A. Bowers, Rev. C. J. Black, Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Rev. J. J. Beach and others.

30. On motion the Moderator appoints B. A. Bowers, W. J. Francis and J. J. Beach as a committee to put a plan into action for collecting the Boiling Springs College Loan Fund, which amounts to $346.00.

31. The Committee to Nominate Trustees for Boiling Springs College recommends R. F. Craig and W. J. Francis, which is adopted.

32. Misses Bertie Cash, Madge Spurling, Lillian Whisnant and Mozelle Gold, the B. S. J. C. Female Quartette, are introduced and sing much to the delight of the audience.

33. Mrs. W. J. Francis reads the report on Woman's Work and on adoption discusses the report. On motion of Dr J. W. Whitley the Association extends to Mrs. Francis a rising vote of thanks for her services as head of the Woman's Work in the Association during recent years.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK

In presenting my report to the body for your consideration, I very humbly thank you for your cooperation, your sympathy, your prayers and every work of encouragement spoken in the interest of the W. M. U. work. This is the second year of the Centennial Campaign pledge, and perhaps one of the hardest, from a financial standpoint, but the women have met their pledges in a noble way in spite of the financial depression. The women of this Association have paid to all objects fostered $9,253.34 during the year.

The closing year was one of the best we have had in our work since we were organized from the South Fork Association in 1919. We have had 22 new societies added to our roll during this year, making a total of 66 societies: 29 W. M. S's, 10 Y. W. A.'s, 11 G. A.'s, 3 R. A.'s and 13 Sunbeam societies.

Our work in the Association is divided into four divisions, with a secretary over each. This secretary has nine churches under

her supervision. Each secretary held four quarterly meetings in the divisions last year, making a total of 16 meetings with a definite well-planned program at each of them.

More women and young people were enlisted during the past year than any previous year.

Our Mission Study Superintendent reported almost twice as many taking mission study the past year. There were more awards and seals given than ever before. Through our Personal Service Chairman, we have been led to see that we can do many things that count for much good in Kingdom work, and it has been the means of enlisting many a timid woman and girl into our organizations. The report showed that we had grown rapidly in Personal Service.

The Young People's Rally Day was with the beautiful new church at Lowell on June 7th. It was a day of achievements in our Young People's work. More than 200 young people represented their different societies on the program, showing that they had put prayer and preparation in the parts assigned them.

During the year the Superintendent has visited 31 societies, attended the annual meeting at High Point, the W. M. U. of the S. B. C. at Memphis, the Charlotte Divisional meeting at Thomasville, and the W. M. U. Conference at Ridgecrest. She has traveled 2,622 miles, written 445 letters, 75 quarterly letters, 66 postals, 16 telephone calls. We had 9 A-1 societies, Number Biblical Recorders taken, 117. World Comrades 21. Royal Service 222. Home and Foreign Fields 51. Window 7. Tithers 120. Our next annual meeting will be held with the Baptist church in Bessemer City.

Our Watchword for the coming year, "Holding forth the word of life," Phil. 2:16.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. FRANCIS.

34. Rev. W. Arthur Hoffman reads the report on State Missions and discusses same. On motion the time is extended 15 minutes and Rev. Walter Gilmore is recognized and asked to discuss the report, which he does in a most helpful way.

STATE MISSIONS

As we near the century mark of our organized Baptist life in North Carolina and view the work of the past one hundred years we feel that we have many things that ought to bring us to our knees in a spirit of thankfulness. With the smile of God's approval upon us we have gone from a struggling band of a few thousand to a mighty army of approximately 400,000. God's blessings have been upon us both in a material and a spiritual way; we have gone from comparative riches, from a denomination with scarcely

any facilities for training her leaders to seven schools and colleges. Our orphanage and hospital rank with the best.

And yet when we think of that which remains for us to do, the winning of the multitude in North Carolina to Jesus; the enlistment of a multitude of unenlisted Baptist in our work, and a further reaching out into the regions beyond, we feel that there are greater things for us to accomplish than we have as yet accomplished.

We feel that our General Board has been a great factor in our work, and will continue to be such. Through this central agency, with the general secretary and his force of workers much information has been given, much effort has been put forth in enlistment, in unifying our forces, and in strengthening the weaker churches.

At present the board is attacking our problems through the Sunday School department with three regular field workers, three associational workers and numerous volunteer workers in special enlargement and enlistment associational campaigns; through the B. Y. P. U. department with four regular field workers, three associational workers and volunteer workers in associational campaigns. through W. M. U. department with two regular workers and other volunteer workers; through the evangelistic staff of three men, and through the annual preachers school.

Feeling that before we can "lengthen our cords, we MUST strengthen our stakes we would make to you the following recommendations:

1. That each church in this association put forth its best effort in winning the lost to Christ in its own community, interesting them in service, and then training them to the highest point of efficiency possible. Using local talent as far as possible, and then availing ourselves of such help that the General Board offers as is necessary and available.

2. That the stronger churches in the Association as far as possible help the weaker ones to get on their feet and become self-supporting. Giving counsel and leadership where necessary and more substantial help when possible.

3. That our churches cooperate with the General Board as far as possible in solving our mission problems at home and abroad. That we make an every member canvass seeking to enlist every members in the Bible plan of giving. That we include the cooperative program in our annual budget, and that funds be sent forward promptly to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., at least once each month.

4. That we endorse the effort of the General Board in raising the sum of $25,000 on Sunday, October 27, 1929, with which to wipe out the debt in State Missions. That every Church and Sunday School cooperate by presenting State Missions on that day and taking special collection for same.

5. That if it will be an advantage in the work before us, that in the selection of the executive committee of the Association the

different groups of our organization, such as B. Y. P. U., the S. S., the W. M. U. be represented, and that the various sections of the Association be represented.

Respectfully submitted,

W. ARTHUR HOFFMAN.

On motion to adopt the State Mission Report, Dr. J. W. Whitley makes a substitute motion to refer the recommendation in the last paragraph of Brother Hoffman's report to a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and pastors for final action.

35. Dr. Vass cordially invites all present to join in lunch in the basement of the church during the noon hour.

36. Rev. R. A. Kelley reads the report on Home Missions. The report is briefly but ably discussed by Brother Kelly and is adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

At the meeting in Memphis, the Home Mission Board made the eighty-fourth annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention. It was a report full of interesting material, and should enlist the interest and prayers of our people everywhere. We are glad nothing radical was done about the work of the board since there was so much uncertainty about what was best to do. Time has enabled our people to think more intelligently and calmly about one of the greatest problems that our Southern Baptists have had to face in all their history. We are grateful for the spirit of prayer that was manifest in our convention when this matter was under consideration.

Several things have happened during this past year to greatly encourage our great Baptist host in the South, and to stimulate each of us to an effective support of the work, not only of the Home Mission cause, but of all of the great causes fostered by our denomination. Among these we would mention:

1. The "Honor Day" offering on November 11th, which brought in a total of $397,444.23, which relieved to a great degree the pressure that was on the Board.

2. The glorious gift made by Mrs. George W. Bottoms, for the development and maintainance of the Baptist school in Havana, Cuba. Mrs. Bottoms has provided for her gift and its constructive program in a legal contract with the Home Mission Board and has also included these provisions in her will. She has undertaken to build on the new site in Havana, Cuba, a boys' dormitory and a girls' dormitory, on either side of the central court, at a cost of $100,000.00, and more than $100,000.00 cash is already in bank, drawing interest, ready to carry through to completion this

first step in her great program. Immediately following this and within two years, this noble woman has engaged to erect, at the head of the court, the main administration building of the school, at a cost not to exceed $250,000.00, and she is already setting aside the funds for this purpose. In the third step in the program, Mrs. Bottoms obligates herself to set up an endowment fund of at least $100,000.00, the interest from which is to be used in maintaining these buildings and their grounds, thus insuring the proper care of her fine investment.

3. The coming of Dr. J. B. Lawrence as executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. He is well prepared for this great work and we trust that our people will support him in every way possible.

There live in the South about 15,000,000 persons, ten years of age and over, who are not Christians, over half of them being of Baptist preference; and 5,000,000 persons of foreign birth of parentage who need the gospel. There are also in the South 162,-000 who are ready to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour when told about him; 500,000 Jews, among whom we have only one worker, and 40,000 deaf mutes among whom we have only two evangelists. There are 4,500 homeless Baptist churches in the South which need outside assistance in erecting houses of worship.

Many other things might be mentioned to make us realize that the work before our Home Mission Workers is a mighty one. Let us support this work in our prayers, whole-hearted cooperation intelligently rendered, and financial assistance to the best of our ability.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. KELLY.

37. Dr. E. V. Hudson reads the report on Foreign Missions. The report is ably discussed by Brother Hudson and Miss Attie Bostic, Missionary to China, and is adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

General Statement

Christianity is a missionary religion. The work of missions is not optional, but is a command of every believer of the gospel. Jesus outlined the scope of our program when He said: "The field is the world," and "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations." We cannot march with Christ unless we accept his missionary program.

The powers of evil in the world have always opposed missions. Our attitude therefore toward the world-wide program of Christ is a fair index to the side to which we belong. "He that is not for me is against me." Those who refuse to believe in, or support,

the mission command of Jesus take their stand against the Christ and his gospel.

Our New Secretary

The Foreign Mission Board at its last meeting elected Dr. T. B. Ray as Executive Secretary of the Board. Dr. Ray has been with the Board for twenty years as Associate Secretary with the lamented and beloved Dr. Love. His wide and intimate knowledge of all our foreign mission work and workers, and his unusual ability as an executive, qualify him amply for this most responsible position. He is well and favorably known by all who are interested in foreign missions. There is a feeling throughout our Convention that a wise choice has been made. Let us give him our cooperation and prayers in this great work for the unsaved millions of the earth.

Some Figures

The last report of the Foreign Mission Board showed 12,264 baptisms during last year. There were 502 missionaries on the fields. This was an average of 24 baptisms to the missionary. In the Southern Baptist Convention the average number of baptisms was a little above six for each pastor. There are now 1,280 churches in the foreign fields, 675 are self-supporting, and 962 own their own houses of worship. Membership in these churches totals 154,336. They gave last year $3.34 per member. More than 75,000 of these are in Sunday schools. Also we have 587 schools and colleges, with a total of 27,346 students enrolled in them.

Finances

The financial condition of the Board is far from satisfactory. The debt on the Board is being steadily reduced, but at the sacrifice of many other things so badly needed. To reduce the debt, which is about three-quarters of a million dollars, only appropriations to meet the barest necessities can be made Thus the missionaries cannot do any expansion work, and are hindered in carrying forward the gospel to the unsaved. The budget of the Board for 1930 is set at $1,389,939, a smaller amount than that of 1929. The only solution for our financial problems is for Southern Baptists to bring the tithe into the store house of God.

Some Encouraging Things

Many things come to us to bring encouragement and hope. As we look at the signs about us we have no reason to be filled with discouragement. A large number of our missionaries are back in their fields at work. A large number of new workers have been sent out. China looks better than she did a year or more ago. Opposition to missionary activity is diminishing. In South America workers report wonderful opportunities for planting the gospel. Conditions in Europe and in Africa, and Japan have improved, and we have many encouragements to believe and hope that soon large numbers will turn to our Christ.

The doors are all wide open to the gospel. The cry is: "Come over and help us."

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. HUDSON.

Thursday P. M. Session

38. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The Boiling Springs College Quartette sang several numbers under the direction of Prof. Rushing, after which Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor of the Boiling Springs Church, led the devotional, using as a basis for his discourse the latter part of the 5th chapter Matthew.

39. On recommendation of W. T. Baucom, C. J. Black and Geo. W. Davis, Committee on Nominations, the following officers and representatives are elected for the ensuing year: Moderator, R. G. Mace; Vice-Moderator, J. J. Beach; Clerk, M. O. Thornburg; Treasurer, J. R. Rollins; Sunday School Director, Bryan Hurd; B. Y. P. U. Director, J. P. Thomas; Orphanage Representative, J. A. Hudson; Hospital Representative, W. J. Francis; Member State Mission Board, J. W. Whitley.

40. Mr. J. S. Wray makes the report on Christian Education. Mr. Wray makes a brief but helpful discussion and yields the floor to Dr. F. P. Gaines, President of Wake Forest College, who gives a most able discussion of the subject. The report is adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION TO GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER, 1929

(Prepared and read by Joe S. Wray).

In the preparation of this report the writer has studied the following: Reports of trustees, minutes of our Association, and minutes of the Baptist State Convention. This study and his experience and observation are the basis for this report.

Our schools have been a great blessing. They have been doing a high class of work at a very low per-pupil cost, and, in many cases, with comparatively meager equipment.

The reports reveal the fact that in some of our schools there has been a yearly decrease in enrollment, while the indebtedness continues to grow.

There is no questioning the fact that there is now greater need for education on the part of the individual than ever before. But

we must not overlook the fact that there are vastly more opportunities for education.

On every hand today we are confronted with "debt and dire imminent need', and, in the fact of this we have come in our educational program to the time when we must do greater things for Wake Forest.

How are such conditions being met in business and in other institutions about us? By the merger and consolidation.

I believe that we, as loyal Baptists, should urge our Education Board, our Mission Board, and our Convention, to face these facts and conditions squarely and to prepare to meet them in a business-like way.

In one case it may be found that a school has served its purpose and that the need for it has passed. Such a school should be closed and its influence and patronage and assets should be transferred to where they will do the most good.

In another case it may be found that by consolidating two or more a school may be established, better equipped, more influential, and very much better prepared to meet the needs of its student-body.

If this should be done it would mean that Baptists must take more interest in public education and that the churches must make their educational program very much more effective.

I have been forced to a very strong conviction on the subject of debt. There would be a very great saving if all of our work was done on a cash basis—saving in interest, saving in cash discounts, and saving from the deadening effect of forever giving the debt alarm.

I should like very much to see our Association go on record as advocating the spirit of this report—calling for the right number of high schools and junior colleges really needed to serve the Baptists of the State and urging the caring for Meredith and Wake Forest in a big way.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE S. WRAY.

41. Mr. W. J. Francis reads the the report of the Executive Committee which is adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Temple Baptist Church—W. A. Hoffman, Pastor

Baptisms, 21.
By letter, 52.
Number in Sunday School, 497.
B. Y. P. U., 6 Unions.
W. M. S., 1.
Received from State Mission Board, $400.00.

Hardin Baptist Church—Ed. Brown, Pastor

Baptisms, 27. By Letter 20. Total membership, 147.
Number in Sunday School, 165.
B. Y. P. U., 1; Junior 17 members, 1 Senior 17 members.
Paid to State Missions, $22.00.
Paid on new church $1,366.61 over and above amount paid by State Mission Board which amounted to $300.00, which amount was applied on the new church by the pastor. Cost of new church building approximately $6,000.00.

Woodlawn Baptist Church—C. F. Comstock, Pastor.

Baptisms 18.
By letter, 40.
Sunday School. Use school building.
B. Y. P. U., 1 Junior and 1 Senior.
W. M. S., 1.
Appropriation from State Mission Board, $300.00.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

42. On recommendation of the Committee to Nominate Executive Committee for the ensuing year the following are elected: R. G. Mace, B. A. Bowers, L. L. Jessup, J. W. Whitley, W. T. Baucom, C. J. Black, E. V. Hudson.

43. On recommendation of the Committee on Order of Business for next Association the following program is adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday Morning

9:30—Devotional—W. B. Hair.
9:45—Enrollment.
10:00—Benevolences:
Hospitals—W. J. Francis.
Orphanage—J. A. Hudson
Ministerial Relief—G. W. Davis
11:00—Announcements
Sermon—R. A. Kelly
12:00—Dinner

Wednesday Afternoon

1:15—Devotional—Lige Abernathy
1:30—Education
B. Y. P. U.—J. P. Thomas
2:15—Sunday Schools—Bryan Hurd
3:00—Denominational Schools—B. A. Bowers
3:45—Miscellaneous and Adjournment

Wednesday Night

7:15—Devotional—W. J. Francis.
7:30—Young People's Program under direction of B. Y. P. U. Director

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotional—W. G. Camp
9:45—Religious Literature—L. L. Jessup
10:00—Missions
Woman's Work—Superintendent W. M. U.
10:30—State Missions—J. W. Whitley
11:00—Home Missions—W. L. Walters
11:30—Foreign Missions—J. J. Beach
12:00—Announcements and Adjournment

Thursday Afternoon

1:15—Devotional—W. A. Hoffman
1:30—Election Officers
2:00—Public Morals and Temperance—J. W. Kesterson
2:30—Treasurer's Report
2:40—Report of Executive Committee
2:50—Obituaries—C. F. Comstock
3:00—Miscellaneous and Adjournment

C. G. RUMFELT,
W. J. FRANCIS,
J. L. VASS,
Committee.

44. On motion the Association instructs that the amount advanced by the former Clerk, Mr. D. P. Dellinger, be refunded to him and that whatever deficit may occur by reason of this refund in the current year be handled by the Executive Committee.

45. Mr. W. J. Francis reads a report from Dr. Chas. Maddry on the Centennial Fund which shows only $6,228.09 of the $18,871.75 pledged by this Association paid to date. The appeal is for all who possibly can to pay the balance of their pledge promptly as the runds are urgently needed.

46. The Committee on Gaston County Association Loan Fund makes the following report:

GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST LOAN FUND

In view of the fact that at the time the Gaston County Loan Fund was inaugurated, the Centennial Campaign more or less

eclipsed it, we favor committee ask a continuance of said committee until the Centennial Campaign shall have been closed.

COMMITTEE.

Signed: W. J. Francis, M. O. Thornburg, R. G. Mace, J. P. Thomas.

The report is adopted and the committee continued for another year.

47. On motion the Association instructs the clerk to forward a telegram to Dr. W. C. Barrett expressing appreciation for services rendered while a member of the Association and hope for continued improvement in his health.

48. On behalf of the Boiling Springs College Loan Fund Committee Rev. J. J. Beach asks for subscriptions to the Loan Fund and the following responded: Cherryville Baptist Church, $50.00; First Baptist Church, Gastonia, $50.00; East Baptist Church, Gastonia, $50.00; Calvary, $25.00; Lowell, $25.00; Bessemer City, $25.00; Loray, $50.00; Mrs. W. J. Francis, $25.00; Mr. W. J. Francis, $25.00; Mr. John King, $5.00; Mr. E. H. Biggerstaff, $5.00; W. M. U. of Mt. Holly, $5.00; Rev. Camp, $10.00.

49. On motion of Dr. Bowers the Association unanimously expresses its appreciation for the hospitality of Dr. Vass and the Mount Holly Baptist Church for the splendid manner in which they entertained the Association.

50. The Moderator appoints the following delegates of the Association: To Baptist State Convention, Rev. T. L. Cashwell, and Rev. R. A. Kelley. To Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. C. J. Black.

51. On motion the Association dispenses with the reading of the minutes and closes with prayer.

R. G. MACE, Moderator.

M. O. THORNBURG, Clerk.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE ROLL-CALL HENCE SINCE OCT. 1, 1928.

ALEXIS
Mrs. C. F. Abernethy

BELMONT FIRST
Mr. J. A. Burns
Mrs. J. A. McKnight

CENTER VIEW
Mrs. John Russell
Mrs. P. A. Medllin

CHERRYVILLE
Mrs. Arabella Neblett
Mrs. Barbara Dellinger
Mr. Clyde Price

CRAMERTON
Mrs. Belle Ashe
Mrs. Augustus Nixon
Mr. Henry Cain

GASTONIA, CALVARY
Miss Annie Mullinax

GASTONIA, EAST
Mr. M. T. Saunders, Sr.
Mr. Polly Hager

GASTONIA, FIRST
Mr. L. F. Wetzell, (Deacon)
Mrs. G. B. Mitcham
Mr. W. L. Coon
Mrs. D. A. Cline
Mrs. J. C. Shirely
Mr. J. W. McClain
Mrs. C. W. Abernethy
Mr. B. L. Hollobaugh

GASTONIA FLINT-GROVES
Mrs. Etta Holloway

GASTONIA, LORAY
Mr. J. M. Truett
Mrs. J. C. Rhyne
Mrs. Lula Burden
Mr. W. L. McCullough

GASTONIA, MARETTA ST.
Mr. W. N. Adair
Mrs. Walter Lineberger
Mrs. John Clemmer
Mr. R. P. Green
Mr. J. W. Hinson
Mrs. J. P. Lazenby
Mr. Walker Todd

HARDIN
Mrs. D. B. Lynn

HICKORY GROVE
Mrs. H. E. Ballard

HULL'S GROVE
Mr. John Reep
Mr. Ves Martin

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL
Mr. Archie Fox
Rev. E. G. Ledford (Pastor)
Mrs. Irene Paysour

LOWELL, FIRST
Mrs. S. J. Clemmer
Mr. Geo. Teague
Mr. W. E. Hedgepath

McADENVILLE
Mrs. Cashion
Mrs. Neal
Mrs. J. N. Roberts
Mrs. Helderman

MT. BEULAH
Mr. Walter Mason

MT. HOLLY
Mr. A. C. Maberry
Mr. N. B. Helms

MT. ZION
Mr. Wesley Ross

RANLO
Mrs. Rosa Day

SANDY PLAINS
Mr. J. L. Beatty
Mr. J. H. Moton
Mr. Haywood Millen

TUCKASEEGE
Miss Jane O'Daniel

WOODLAWN
Mr. Clarence Grant

ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church of Which Member	
J. M. Ballard	Lincolnton, N .C	Alexis	Member
W. F. Huggins	Worth, N. C.	Alexis	Member
R. G. Mace	Belmont, N. C.	Belmont, East	Pastor
R. A. Kelly	Belmont, N. C.	Belmont, First	Pastor
C. J. Black	Bessemer City, N. C.	Bessemer City	Pastor
H. W. Baucom	S. Gastonia, N. C., Rt. 4	Bethel	Pastor
O. W. Triplette	Stanley, N. C.	Stanley	Member
A. T. Cain	Belmont, N. C.	Center View	Pastor
J. J. Beach	Cherryville, N. C.	Cherryville	Pastor
E. V. Hudson	Cramerton, N. C.	Cramerton	Pastor
Grady Bowen	Cramerton, N. C.	Cramerton	Member
Clarence Baker	Cramerton, N. C.	Cramerton	Member
W. T. Baucom	Dallas, N. C.	Dallas	Pastor
Geo. W. Davis	S. Gastonia, N. C.	Calvary	Pastor
D. F. Birchfield	S. Gastonia, N. C.	Calvary	Member
T. L. Cashwell	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia, East	Pastor
Raymond Long	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia, East	Member
B. A. Bowers	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia, First	Pastor
B. F. Austin	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia, Flint-Groves	Pastor
M. G. Cloer	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia, Flint-Groves	Member
J. W. Whitley	Gastonia, N. C.	Loray	Pastor
A. P. Bumgardner	Gastonia, N. C., Rt. 4	Loray	Member
G. C. Ivey	Gastonia, N. C.	Loray	Pastor
J. A. Hudson	Gastonia, N. C.	Marietta St.	Member
A. A. Haggard	High Point, N. C.	Marietta St.	Member
W. A. Hoffman	W. Gastonia, N. C.	Temple	Pastor
P. S. Barber	Gastonia, N. C., Rt. 4	Temple	Member
Ed. Brown	Dallas, N. C., Rt. 1	Hardin	Pastor
W. B. McClure	Alexis, N. C.	Hickory Grove	Member
J. B. Payne	High Shoals, N. C.	High Shoals	Pastor
C. M. Robinson	Catawba, N. C.	Hull's Grove	Pastor
J. J. Waldrop	Vale, N. C.	Hull's Grove	Pastor
John A. Hallman	Vale, N. C.	Hull's Grove	Pastor
J. W. Kesterson	Dallas, N. C.	Long Creek Memorial	Member
M. P. Rhyne	Dallas, N. C.	Long Creek Memorial	Member
L. L. Jessup	Lowell, N. C.	Lowell	Pastor
W. O. Rivenbark	McAdenville, N. C.	McAdenville	Member
W. G. Camp	Cheryville, N. C.	Shady Grove	Pastor
J. L. Vass	Mt. Holly, N. C.	Mt. Holly	Pastor
Geo. L. Mullis	Mt. Holly, N. C.	Mt. Holly	Pastor
Lee Wacaster	Cherryville, N. C.	Mt. Zion	Pastor
W. L. Walters	Gastonia, N. C.	Ranlo	Member
E. S. Grice	Ranlo Stat., Gastonia	Ranlo	Member
A. A. Lockee	Mt. Holly, N. C.	Tuckaseege	Pastor
W. H. Flowers	Lowell, N. C., Rt. 2	Spencer Mtn.	Member
C. L. Thomas	Mt. Holly, N. C.	Tuckaseege	Pastor
C. F. Comstock	Lowell, N. C.	Woodlawn	Pastor

LICENSED MINISTERS

O. L. Bolch	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
Leslie Bookout	Cherryville, N. C.	Cherryville
J. E. Campbell	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Calvary
W. W. Cloer	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
John L. Cloninger	Lowell, N. C.	Spencer Mountain
D. J. Cobb	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
H. B. Crapps	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
John E. Davis	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
O. W. Deaton	McAdenville, N. C.	McAdenville
D. B. Farnsworth	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
W. L. Hawkins	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Marietta
J. S. Lazenby	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
A. McCoy	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
J. A. McCollugh	Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia Loray
S. H. Watts	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
Joe Webb	E. Gastonia, N. C.	Gastonia East
J. W. Ward	Belmont, N. C.	East Belmont

Auxiliary Leaders

Y. W. A. Counsellors

Belmont First—Miss Edna Grubbs, Belmont. N. C.
Bessemer City—Miss Lucy Williams, Bessemer City, N. C.
Center View—Mrs. A. T. Carn, Belmont, N. C.
Cherryville—Mrs. Victor Stroup, Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton—Mrs. E. V. Hudson, Cramerton, N. C.
Gastonia First—Mrs. C. A. Eden, Gastonia, N. C.
Lowell—Mrs. R. L. Featherstone, Lowell, N. C.

G. A. Leaders

Bessemer City—Mrs. Henry Holden, Bessemer City, N. C.
Cramerton—Miss Nan Shelton, Cramerton, N. C.
Dallas—Mrs. W. J. Baucom, Dallas, N. C.
East Gastonia—Miss Rebecca Moss, East Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia First—Mrs. Ben Guion, Gastonia, N. C.
Lowell—Mrs. Minnie Nipper, Lowell, N. C.
Mt. Beulah—Mrs. Fred Biggerstaff, East Gastonia, Box 6.

R. A. Leader

Gastonia First—Mrs. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia, N. C.
Hull's Grove—Mrs. J. J. Waldrop, Vale, N. C., Rt. 5.
Lowell—Mrs. R. L. Featherstone, Lowell, N. C.
Mt. Beulah—Mrs. Pearl Rogers, Bessemer City, N. C., Rt. 1.

Sunbeam Leaders

Belmont East—Mrs. H. D. Nichols, Belmont, N. C.
Belmont First—Mrs. W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City—Mrs. W. A. Lindsay, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bruington—Mrs. D. F. Hovis, Stanley, N. C.
Cherryville—Mrs. H. H. Allen.
Cramerton—Miss Della Hawkins, Cramerton, N. C.
East Gastonia—Mrs. A. N. Simpson, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia First—Miss Lucile Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.
Loray—Mrs. Leonard Jenkins, Gastonia, N. C., Rt. 1.
Hull's Grove—Miss Dora Willis, Vale, N. C., Rt. 3.
Lowell—Miss Roberta Loy, Lowell, N. C.
Mt. Beulah—Mrs. Groner Best, Bessemer City, N. C.
Mt. Holly—Mrs. J. L. Vass, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Ranlo—Miss Sallie Mauney, Ranlo, N. C.

B. Y. P. U. Directors

Alexis—Miss Beulah Morris, Alexis, N. C.
Belmont, East—Ellett Webb, Belmont, N. C.
Belmont, First—W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City—H. T. Daniel, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bethel—Mrs. Lester Thornburg, Gastonia, N. C., Rt. 4.
Bruington—Mitchell Coon, Stanley, N. C.
Center View—E. S. Auten, Belmont, N. C.
Cherryville—Leslie Bookout, Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton—Miss Nan Shelton, Cramerton, N. C.
Dallas—R. B. Lineberger, Dallas, N. C.
Calvery—V. M. Shepherd, South Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, East—M. T. Saunders, Jr., E. Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, First—Miss Elizabeth McMillan, Gastonia, N. C.
Flint-Groves—Miss Bethie McCall, East Gastonia, N. C.
Loray—Geo. E. Robinson, West Gastonia, N. C.
W. Marietta St.—W. L. Hawkins, Gastonia, N. C., Rt. 3.
Temple—Miss Bessie Bridges, Gastonia, N. C., Rt. 4.

Hardin—J. J. Friday, Dallas, N. C., Rt. 1.
Hickory Grove—Miss Cary Abernethy, Lowell, N. C., Rt. 2.
High Shoals—Mrs. Jamerson, High Shoals, N. C.
Hull's Grove—Miss Sally Taylor, Vale, N. C., Rt. 5.
Long Creek Memorlal—T. S. Summey, Dallas, N. C.
Lowell—Henry Montieth, Lowell, N. C.
McAdenville—T. B. Thomason, McAdenville, N. C.
Mt. Beulah—E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City, N. C., Rt. 2.
Mt. Holly—Mrs. N. E. Batchelor, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Mt. Zion—W. C. Houser, Cherryville, N. C.
Ranlo—Nelson Harte, Ranlo, N. C.
Riverside—R. U. Brooks, Lowell, N. C.
Sandy Plains—W. E. Barnes, Lowell, N. C., Rt. 1.
Shady Grove—Bright Best, Kings Mountain, N. C., Rt. 1.
Tuckaseege—M. T. Stafford, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Woodlawn—Jessie Proctor, Lowell, N. C.

W. M. U. Presidents

Alexis—Miss Mamie Rhyne, Dallas, N. C.
Belmont, East—Mrs. Addie Cash, Belmont, N. C.
Belmont, First—Mrs. R. A. Kelly, Belmont, N. C.
Bessemer City—Mrs. R. J. Bullard, Bessemer City, N. C.
Bruington—Mrs. O. W. Triplett, Stanley, N. C.
Center View—Mrs. S. S. Dellinger, Belmont, N. C.
Cherryville—Mrs. J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.
Cramerton—Mrs. E. V. Hudson, Cramerton, N. C.
Dallas—Mrs. G. R. Dixon, Dallas, N. C.
Gastonia, East—Mrs. A. F. Weir, Gastonia, N. C.
Gastonia, First—Mrs. H. B. Moore, Gastonia, N. C.
Flint-Groves—Mrs. J. L. Bracket, East Gastonia, N. C.
Loray—Mrs. D. A. Grigg, West Gastonia, N. C.
Temple—Mrs. S. B. Laws, Gastonia, N. C.
Hickory Grove—Mrs. F. H. Abernethy, Mt. Holly, N. C., Rt. 2.
Hull's Grove—Mrs. Lizzie Hull, Vale, N. C., Rt. 3.
Long Creek Memorial—Mrs. Rosa Kreisler, Gastonia, N. C.

Lowell—Mrs. L. L. Jessup, Lowell, N. C.
McAdenville—Mrs. Rosie Branch, McAdenville, N. C.
Mt. Beulah—Mrs. W. B. Elam, Lincolnston, N. C., Rt. 5.
Sandy Plains—Mrs. J. C. Millen, Lowell, N. C., Rt. 1.
Mt. Holly—Mrs. N. E. Bachelor, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Tuckaseege—Mrs. J. L. Thomas, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Woodlawn—Mrs. S. A. Cloninger, Lowell, N. C.

TABLE I--CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1929

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP									Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					GAINS					LOSSES				Total					
					Members Reported Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members					
Alexis	Village	1904	W. T. Baucom, Dallas, N. C.	2 4	169	7	4	---	---	10	---	---	1	169	No	1	1	1
Belmont, East	Town	1912	R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.	*	398	4	24	---	---	20	4	---	---	402	Yes	---	4	7
Belmont, First	Town	1874	R. A. Kelly, Belmont, N. C.	*	351	2	42	---	---	5	---	---	2	388	Yes	---	4	19
Bessemer City	Town	1898	C. J. Black, Bessemer City	*	358	25	42	---	2	18	17	---	---	392	Yes	1	4	4
Bethel	Village	1926	H. W. Baucom, S. Gastonia	2 4	30	10	5	---	---	7	---	---	---	38	No	2	1	---
Bruington	Town	1891	W. T. Baucom, Dallas	*	266	10	5	---	---	8	---	---	---	273	Yes	1	4	10
Center View	Village	1921	A. T. Cain, Belmont	*	341	38	50	3	1	---	5	---	2	426	Yes	2	2	---
Cherryville	Town	1893	J. J. Beach, Cherryville	*	471	7	6	---	---	6	---	---	3	475	Yes	1	4	21
Cramerton	Town	1911	E. V. Hudson, Cramerton	*	378	3	27	2	---	34	---	---	3	373	Yes	1	2	12
Dallas	Town	1879	W. T. Baucom, Dallas	*	222	7	9	2	---	10	---	---	---	230	Yes	1	4	18
Gastonia, Calvary	City	1920	Geo. W. Davis, S. Gastonia	*	396	38	45	5	---	44	---	---	1	439	Yes	2	2	1
Gastonia, East	City	1900	T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia	*	469	22	60	1	1	26	44	9	2	472	Yes	1	4	15
Gastonia, First	City	1876	B. A. Bowers, Gastonia	*	864	27	50	2	---	44	1	3	8	887	Yes	---	4	51
Gastonia, Flint Groves	City	1923	B. F. Austin, E. Gastonia	*	629	10	19	3	---	108	1	250	1	301	Yes	1	2	2
Gastonia, Loray	City	1905	J. W. Whitley, Gastonia	*	728	36	82	1	21	81	4	---	4	779	Yes	1	3	25
Gastonia, Marietta St.	City	1917	J. A. Hudson, Gastonia	*	241	9	51	5	2	33	1	1	7	266	Yes	1	2	3
Gastonia, Temple	City	1926	W. A. Hoffman, Gastonia	*	272	31	47	3	1	18	9	4	---	324	Yes	1	4	6
Hardin	Village	1922	Ed Brown, Dallas	1 2	83	27	18	4	---	22	---	14	1	95	Yes	1	1	3
Hickory Grove	Country	1873	W. B. McClure, Alexis	2 4	160	5	5	---	---	3	---	---	1	166	No	1	2	3
High Shoals	Village	1902	J. B. Payne, High Shoals	1 3	50	13	20	---	---	28	---	---	---	55	Yes	1	---	---
Hulls Grove	Country	1890	C. M. Robinson, Catawba	3	152	29	8	---	3	2	1	---	2	187	No	1	1	3
Long Creek Memorial	Country	1772	J. W. Kesterson, Dallas	*	353	3	2	---	---	36	---	---	3	319	Yes	1	1	6
Lowell, First	Town	1893	L. L. Jessup, Lowell	*	323	11	17	---	2	29	14	5	3	302	Yes	1	4	10
McAdenville	Town	1887	W. O. Rivenback, McAdenville	*	357	10	3	---	2	14	8	---	4	346	Yes	1	3	10
Mountain View	Village	1928	D. F. Birchfield, R. 3, Kings Mountain	*		32	35	---	---	---	1	---	---	66	No	1	---	---
Mt. Beulah	Country	1916	W. G. Camp, Cherryville	2 4	163	21	4	---	---	10	2	---	1	175	Yes	2	4	20
Mount Holly	Town	1890	J. L. Vass, Mt. Holly	*	488	6	43	1	---	23	---	---	2	513	Yes	---	12	---
Mt. Zion	Country	1857	D. F. Putman, Cherryvile	1 3	197	5	1	---	---	4	---	---	1	198	No	1	1	3
Ranlo	Village	1919	W. L. Walters, Gastonia	*	223	17	60	---	2	13	---	---	1	288	Yes	2	2	---
Riverside	Village	1927	A. A. Lockee, Mt. Holly	1	85	2	6	1	---	7	---	1	---	86	Yes	1	1	---
Sandy Plains	Country	1863	L. L. Jessup, Lowell	2 4	193	12	5	---	---	9	8	---	3	190	No	1	2	1
Shady Grove	Country	1880	W. G. Camp, Cherryville	1 3	142	6	---	---	---	4	---	---	---	144	No	1	---	4
Spencer Mountain	Village	1908	Vacant	2 4	103	14	10	1	---	4	---	---	---	124	Yes	2	3	---
Tuckaseege	Village	1912	A. A. Lockee, Mt. Holly	2 4	129	5	18	1	---	7	---	---	1	145	Yes	1	2	3
Webbs Chapel	Country	1892	M. P. Rhyne, Dallas	1	51	1	7	---	---	3	---	---	---	56	No	---	2	---
Woodlawn	Village	1928	C. F. Comstock, Lowell	*	43	18	40	3	---	24	2	---	1	77	Yes	2	1	4
					9878	523	870	38	37	714	122	287	58	10166		38	93	265

* Every Sunday.

M. O. Thornburg, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, Gastonia, N. C.

R. G. Mace, Moderator of Gaston County Baptist Association, Belmont, N. C.

TABLE II---SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF GASTON COUN

CHURCHES	Is it a Village, Town, City or Country Church?	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFIC
Alexis	Village	C. L. Abernethy, Alexis
Belmont, East	Town	F. L. Kirby, Belmont
Belmont, First	Town	D. P. Stowe, Belmont
Bessemer City	Town	J. L. Grant, Bessemer City
Bethel	Village	Lester Thornburg, Gastonia, R. 4
Bruington	Town	F. G. Dawkins, Stanley
Center Vitw	Village	R. W. Wilson, N. Belmont
Cherryville	Town	J. T. Allen, Cherryville
Cramerton	Town	Bryan Hurd, Cramerton
Dallas	Town	P. D. Summey, Dallas
Gastonia, Calvary	City	R. B. Price, Victory Sta., Gastonia
Gastonia, East	City	G. C. Moss, Gastonia
Gastonia, First	City	V. A. Covington, Gastonia
Gastonia, Flint Groves	City	J. L. Brackett, E. Gastonia
Gastonia, Loray	City	L. J. Waldrop, Gastonia
Gastonia, S. Marietta St.	City	J. M. Kincaid, Gastonia
Gastonia, Temple	City	Otto Perry, Gastonia, R. 4
Hardin	Village	J. J. Friday, Dallas
Hickory Grove	Country	Geo. R. Abernethy, Lowell, R. 2
High Shoals	Village	W. B. Robinson, High Shoals
Hulls Grove	Country	W. F. Hull, Cherryville, R. 1
Long Creek Memorial	Country	F. M. Paysour, Dallas
Lowell, First	Town	A. E. Clemmer, Lowell
McAdenville	Town	B. H. Waters, McAdenville
Mountain View	Village	J. C. Welch, R. 3, Kings Mountain
Mt. Beulah	Country	V. L. Splawn, Bessemer City
Mount Holly	Town	J. D. Hobbs, Mt. Holly
Mt. Zion	Country	W. C. Hoyser, Cherryville
Ranlo	Village	A. G. Webb, Lowell
Riverside	Village	J. F. Flowers, Lowel R. 2
Sandy Plains	Country	J. H. Millen, Belmont
Shady Grove	Country	Floyd L. Mauney, Cherryville
Spencer Mountain	Village	J. A. Graham, Lowell R. 2
Tuckaseege	Village	C. L. Thomas, Mt. Holly
Webbs Chapel	Country	C. D. Weaver, Lincolnton, R. 5
Woodlawn	Village	K. E. Sherrill, Lowell

R. G. Mace, Moderator of Gaston County Baptist Association;
P. O. Belmont, N. C.

APTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, SEPTEMBER 30, 1929

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION												
	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Total Enrollment	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions, Orphanage, etc.	Have you a Mission Sunday School?	Enrollment of Mission Sunday School	Did you hold a Daily Vacation Bible School?	Enrollment Daily Vacation School	Average Attendance Daily Vacation School
5	9	12	24	15	21	23			120	66	Yes	No	5	6	$ 26.00	$ 65.05	No		No		
7	23	37	70	44	142	52			395	250	No	No	4	4		361.35	No		No		
3	30	60	57	65	56	126	15	19	481	300	Yes	No	9	2	227.81	517.41	No		No		
3	35	52	24	20	41	152		24	348	175	Yes	No	8	20	496.72	16.80	No		Yes	128	90
7	18			14		24			56	45	No	No	2	10			No		No		
1	30	25	20	20	42	38			175	100	Yes	No	3	4	928.64	16.00	No		No		
3		32	112	24	126	36			342	250	No	No	2	10	22.00	72.66	No		No		
1	30	70	48	44	60	66	22		371	163	Yes	No	20	7	248.19	196.78	No		No		
5	35	65	80	60	95	80	30	20	500	250	Yes	No	22	2	581.60	429.53	No		No		
5	14	23	27	26	27	26	21	18	197	135	Yes	No	8	6	209.18	103.44	No		No		
1	10	40	72	67		210	23		422	276	No	No	7		503.94	31.25	No		No		
6	19	52	59	66	63	88	62	40	449		Yes	No	10	15	502.60	320.68	No		No		
5	64	107	114	103	123	400	65	61	1037	525	Yes	No	65	23	988.30	1,145.05	No		Yes	172	140
2	50	65	40	25	120	80			392	205	No	No			285.00	174.72	No		No		
3	54	108	171	76	62	468	38	49	1109	500	Yes	No	40	35	300.00	350.00	No		No		
5	11	14	24	43	71	30			209	125	Yes	No	2	7	118.45	369.48	No		No		
5	50	72	101	60	66	102			497	220	Yes	No	19	23	228.15	60.00	No		No		
0	12	15	21	28	48	36			160	120	No	No		23			No		No		
1	21	12	25	21	15	48			153	100	No	No	2	4	190.56	129.81	No		No		
									143			No			115.00		No		No		
2	10	14	22	24	8	20	36		146	52	No	No	3	22	54.94	13.09	No		Yes	69	57
1	14	11	23	26	45	50			183	131	No	No	1	2	582.38	40.00	No		No		
1	41	41	70	39	59	110			382	204	Yes	No	6	5	430.78	73.43	No		No		
1	52	86							325	204	No	No	10	8	255.00	51.10	No		No		
		20	12	18		12			67	60	No	No			2.00	60.00	No		No		
3	13	16	17	25	21	27	2		133	80	No	No	5	18	53.80	3.65	No		No		
1	40	39	33	49	30	108			324	181	Yes	No		4	418.72	134.84	No		No		
1	26		20		41	25	2		121	63	No	No		2	35.35	28.30	No		No		
1	25	50	45	35	70	60	8		313	200	No	No	4	17	198.83	37.00	No		No		
1	24		21		9	53	10		126	79	No	No		2	202.61		No		No		
1	30		34		28	69			169	60	No	No		9		33.18	No		No		
									99	49	No	No	3	1		21.84	No		No		
									150	107	No	No		14	40.60	82.12	No		No		
	36	13	16	28		85	11		198	155	No	No					No		No		
	2	5	8	10		6	3		40	35	No	No					No		No		
								12	165	120	No	No					No		No		
5	828	1156	1410	1073	1489	2710	348	243	10497	5585			260	305	$8,247.15	$4,936.56				369	287

M). Thornburg, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association; P. O. Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When was it Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	How Many Department Assembly Rooms?	How Many Separate Class Rooms?	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Mission Chapel if Any	Vaue of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Alexis	C. L. Abernethy, Alexis	Yes	1904	Wood	400	5	4	4	$ 2,000.00	--	$	$ 2,000.0	$	$
Belmont, East	J. J. Duncan, Belmont	Yes	1912	Wood	400	8	--	6	8,000.00	--	2,000.00	10,000.0(		3,000.00
Belmont, First	W. H. Stowe, Belmont	Yes	1910	Wood	500	12	12	12	16,000.0	--	12,000.00	28,000.00	2,625.00	16,000.00
Bessemer City	J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City	Yes	1922	Brick	500	13	3	6	38,000.00	--	2,000.00	40,000.0	12,000.00	15,000.00
Bethel	Lester Thornburg, R. 4, Gastonia	No		Wood	200	3	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bruington	F. H. Morris, Stanley	Yes	1924	Brick	320	10	2	9	20,000.00	--	3,000.00	23,000.00	7,100.00	8,000.00
Center View	C. C. Holtzclaw, Belmont	Yes	1926	B&W	1000	14	14	14	7,000.00	--	2,500.00	9,500.0	2,800.00	--
Cherryville	H. H. Allen, Cherryville	Yes	1921	Brick	600	23	4	21	80,000.00	--	5,000.00	85,000.00	13,600.00	45,000.00
Cramerton	R. L. Leeper, Cramerton	Yes	1920	Brick	500	9	3	9	55,000.00	--	5,000.00	60,000.00	--	25,000.00
Dallas	R. E. Cook, Dallas	Yes	1914	Brick	600	6	5	5	20,000.00	--	10,000.00	30,000.0	--	10,000.00
Gastonia, Calvary	W. A. Marley, S. Gastonia	Yes	1923	Brick	1175	11	2	11	20,000.00	--	3,000.00	23,000.00	9,700.00	1,400.00
Gastonia, East	M. T. Saunders, Jr., E. Gastonia	Yes	1918	Brick	600	27	3	27	55,000.00	--	12,000.00	67,000.00	5,650.00	20,500.00
Gastonia, First	J. D. Moore, Gastonia	Yes	1923	Brick	1392	26	7	26	250,000.00	--	30,000.00	280,000.00	6,500.00	102,000.00
Gastonia, Flint Grove	A. L. Cline, East Gastonia	Yes	1924	Brick	1000	12	2	12	15,000.00	--		15,000.00	7,100.00	13,000.00
Gastonia, Loray	Jno. P. Smith, Gastonia	Yes	1905	Wood	1200	41	6	41	70,000.00	--	20,000.00	90,000.00	--	35,000.00
Gastonia, Marietta St.	G. A. Howell, Gastonia	Yes	1917	Brick	400	11	2	8	25,000.00	--	--	25,000.00	4,500.00	10,000.00
Gastonia, Temple	Otto Perry, Gastonia, R. 4	Yes	1928	Wood	400	--	6	39	9,000.00	--	--	9,000.00	5,000.00	--
Hardin	John Lynn, Dallas, R. 1	Yes	1928	Brick	400	--	--	6	7,000.00	--	--	7,000.00	2,000.00	--
Hickory Grove	Geo. R. Abernethy, R. 2, Lowell	Yes	1906	Wood	500	3	1	2	5,000.00	--	--	5,000.00	--	3,500.00
High Shoals	J. T. Locket, High Shoals	Yes	1912	Wood	350	5	--	--	1,500.00	--	--	--	--	--
Hulls Grove	T. B. Hall, Vale, N. C., R. 3	Yes	1890	Wood	500	2	1	2	2,000.00	--	--	2,000.00	--	1,500.00
Long Creek Memorial	T. S. Summey, Dallas	Yes	1920	Brick	1000	11	1	5	55,000.00	--	2,500.00	57,500.00	7,845.00	10,000.00
Lowel, First	W. Benson, Lowell	Yes	1928	Brick	600	22	3	17	42,500.00	--	7,500.00	50,000.00	22,000.00	20,000.00
McAdenville	T. B. Thomason, McAdenville	Yes	1887	Wood	400	9	2	9	5,000.00	--	2,500.00	7,500.00	--	7,500.00
Mountain View	O. J. Lyda, R. 3, Kings Mountain	No		Wood	300	1	--	--	--	--	2,500.00	7,500.00	--	6,000.00
Mount Beulah	M. L. Black, Bessemer City	Yes	1916	Wood	400	8	1	7	5,250.00	--	--	5,250.00	48.31	--
Mount Holly	F. L. Abernethy, Mt. Holly	Yes	1925	Brick	750	21	6	13	6,000.00	--	5,000.00	65,000.00	16,700.00	29,000.00
Mt. Zion	W. C. Houser, Cherryville	Yes	1903	Wood	400	4	--	4	5,000.00	--	250.00	5,250.00	--	--
Ranlo	W. M. McPherson, Ranlo	Yes	1923	Brick	400	14	2	12	15,000.00	--	3,500.00	18,500.00	5,000.00	13,000.00
Riverside	W. A. Pasour, Lowell, R. 2	Yes	1927	Wood	300	1	1	--	2,265.75	--	--	2,265.75	50.00	1,200.00
Sandy Plains	W. C. Barnes, Lowell, R. 1	Yes	1875	Wood	400	3	1	3	1,500.00	--	--	1,500.00	--	750.00
Shady Grove	D. R. Stroup, Cherryville, R. 2	Yes	1880	Wood	500	1	--	--	1,100.00	--	--	1,100.00	--	--
Spencer Mountain	C. Y. Smith, Lowell	No		Wood	300	--	--	4	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tuckaseege	J. A. Guice, Mt. Holly	Yes	1912	Wood	300	1	--	--	6,750.00	--	1,800.00	8,550.00	425.00	--
Webbs Chapel	F. B. Carpenter, Lincolnton, R. 5	Yes	1892	Wood	210	1	--	1	2,000.00	--	--	2,000.00	100.00	300.00
Woodlawn	S. A. Cloneger, Lowell, N. C.	No												
		--	--		19197	342	94	338	$852,865.75		$132,050.00	$1,042,415.75	$130,743.31	$396,650.00

M. O. Thornburg, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, Gastonia, N. C.

R. G. Mace, Moderator Gaston County Baptist Association; P. O. Belmont, N. C.

TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1929

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK									
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total for Support Local Church Work
Alexis	F. B. Morris, Alexis	$ 350.00	$ ____	$ 50.25	$ _	$ 89.00	$ 71.96	$	$ 2.35	$ ____	$ 563.56
Belmont, East	J. B. Brown, Belmont	2,600.00	_____	16.99	229.60	198.62	352.69	61.39	1.25	___	3,460.29
Belmont, First	R. B. Suggs, Belmont	2,250.00	_____	240.00	1,267.67	777.90	341.96	146.96	10.00	33.11	5,067.60
Bessemer City	J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City	2,280.00	_____	150.00	3,331.76	210.61	194.18	_	10.00	53.10	6,525.10
Bethel	I. E. Campbell, Gastonia, R. 4	28.75	_____	30.50	___	3.75	34.07	15.00	_____	17.00	129.07
Bruington	A. C. Taylor, Jr., Stanley	1,901.30	_____	_	100.00	105.00	70.00	_	____	928.64	3,104.94
Center View	E. S. Auten, Belmont	1,300.00	_____	162.00	1,380.03	40.00	120.00	5.00	3.00	_____	3,010.03
Cherryville	J. W. Kendrick, Cherryville	3,000.00	_____	75.00	1,794.06	308.95	250.00	66.50	14.50	_____	5,509.01
Cramerton	D. M. Ballard, Cramerton	3,000.00	_____	167.93	_	218.50	581.60	50.00	_	452.40	4,470.49
Dallas	E. R. Rhyne, Dallas	1,841.67	_____	88.95	334.40	263.88	218.68	_	5.00	81.72	2,834.30
Gastonia, Calvary	C. C. McArver, S. Gastonia	1,800.00	_____	250.00	2,146.27	190.50	180.00	13.00	10.00	608.46	5,198.23
Gastonia, East	C. O. Long, Gastonia	2,600.00	_____	165.00	3,579.94	1,878.89	538.29	25.00	15.00	_____	8,801.62
Gastonia, First	A. Froneberger, Gastonia	5,000.00	3,832.50	_	_	3,201.66	605.50	119.41	25.00	_____	11,661.78
Gastonia, Flint Groves	T. A. Smith, East Gastonia	1,538.00	_____	182.36	1,394.10	323.44	118.72	141.00	7.50	20.00	3,725.22
Gastonia, Loray	R. C. Blanton, Gastonia	3,500.00	_____	250.00	1,871.00	1,660.09	877.01	85.20	10.00	1,803.92	9,877.02
Gastonia, Marietta St.	J. A. Parker, R. 3, Gastonia	1,348.00	_____	_	32.00	100.00	_	29.65	8.00	100.00	4,957.89
Gastonia, Temple	T. N. Young, Gastonia	1,326.00	_____	40.60	860.87	179.25	160.00	20.00	5.00	47.45	2,639.17
Hardin	Walter Friday, Dallas, R. 1	136.00	_____	28.00	1,369.03	66.00	47.13	20.00	1.50	50.00	1,717.66
Hickory Grove	Geo. R. Abernethy, Lowell, R. 2	324 36	_____	93.05	90.55	55.08	81.60	_____	5.00	_____	659.64
High Shoals	J. T. Lackey, High Shoals	100.50	_____	_	_____	____	_	_	_	_	100.50
Hulls Grove	W. L. Cansler, Vale, R. 5	300.00	_____	40.00	_ _	4.00	60.94	18.25	1.00	125.00	425.44
Long Creek Memorial	L. W. Holland, Dallas	1,400.00	_____	32.75	523.27	208.21	103.41	17.25	3.00	23.95	2,442.59
Lowell, First	C. C. Reid, Lowell	1,870.00	_____	85.00	5,711.37	456.91	218.12	60.73	9.06	_	8,411.19
McAdenville	C. E. Austin, McAdenville	1,585.00	_____	72.55	237.20	114.40	_____	19.50	____	297.63	2,326.28
Mountain View	J. C. Welch, Kings Mountain, R. 3	208.00	_____	___	_____ _	_____ _	___	_____	___	_____	208.00
Mount Beulah	W. B. Elam, Lincolnton, R. 5	437.50	_____	92.91	210.25	10.00	65.00	_____	5.25	8.80	829.71
Mount Holly	W .A. Autry, Mt. Holly	2,600.00	_____	___	1,000.00	450.00	240.00	_____	10.00	1,356.13	6,135.91
Mount Zion	C. J. Dellinger, Cherryville	390.00	_____	75.00	_	22.26	45.29	_____	5.91	_____	538.46
Ranlo	A. C. Warlick, Ranlo	1,560.00	_____	195.00	5,452.90	93.95	___		5.00	_____	7,306.85
Riverside	E. R. Bumgardner, Lowell, R. 2	328.28	_____	53.50	265.75	57.71	53 90	18.30	2.50	23.84	803.08
Sandy Plains	Henry Moton, Lowell, R. 1	400.00	___	58.90	_____	11.00	55.00	_____	3.00	_	527.90
Shady Grove	D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville, R. 2	350.00	5.00	60.00	_____	____	35.45	____	4.26	284.80	796.59
Spencer Mountain	C. Y. Smith, Lowell, R. 2	477.61	_____	139.35	_	98.12	77.51	____	2.50	45.12	840.21
Tuckaseege	C. Lester Thomas, Mt. Holly	431.00	_____	50.00	256.55	24.00	170.41	_____	4.35	___	936 31
Webbs Chapel	W. R. Huffstetler, Lincolnton, R. 5	76.60	_____	40.85	48.35	____	13.45	_____	____	2.50	182.75
Woodlawn	W. P. Walker, Art Cloth, Lowell	1,250.00	_____	82.18	____ _	94.75	32.07	___	2.19	47.50	1,501.19
		$49,998.57	$3,837.50	$3,067.92	$33,486.92	$11,516.43	$6,013.24	$932.14	$191.12	$6,411.07	$118,225.58

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TABLE V—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, ETC., GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1929

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND BENEVOLENCES										
		Church Gifts to Co-operative Program	Church Gifts to all Special Objects—Home and Foreign Missions, etc.	Sunday School Gifts to Co-operative Program	Sunday School Gifts to all Special Objects—Home and Foreign Missions, etc.	W. M. U. Gifts to Co-operative Program	W. M. U. Gifts to all Special Objects—Home and Foreign Missions, etc.	Total All Missions Education and Benevolence	Graded Total All Gifts For All Purposes by Churches and All Departments	Tithers in Our Church	Budget for Local Expenses Adopted	Budget for All Missions Etc., Adopted	Pledged to Co-operative Program Next Year
Alexis	F. B. Morris, Alexis	$ 65.80	$ 63.00	$	$ 65.05	$	$ 111.15	$ 305.00	$ 868.56		*	*	$
Belmont, East	J. B. Brown, Belmont	657.96			361.35	111.83	32.70	1,165.84	4,626.13	33	**	**	
Belmont, First	R. B. Suggs, Belmont	1,792.93	127.21	745.22	101.52		725.82	2,021.66	7,884.48	41	**	**	
Bessemer City	J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City	60.20			108.00	35.50	91.75	295.45	6,525.10		*	*	
Bethel	I. E. Campbell, Gastonia, R. 4		6.22					6.22	135.29		*	*	
Bruington	A. C. Taylor, Jr., Stanley	37.50	76.65				345.00	459.15	3,564.09		*	*	
Center View	E. S. Auten, Belmont	8.00			72.56			80.56	3,090.59	15	**	*	
Cherryville	J. W. Kendrick, Cherryville	460.13	401.09		220.58	460.85	154.90	1,697.55	7,206.56				
Cramerton	D. M. Ballard, Cramerton	388.42			429.53	138.34	60.00	984.89	5,455.32	10	**	*	
Dallas	E. R. Rhyne, Dallas	361.44	36.56		103.44	236.08	217.60	955.12	3,789.42	15	**	**	
Gastonia, East	C. C. McArver, S. Gastonia	131.25			48.75			180.00	5,378.23	2			
Gastonia, Calvary	C. O. Long, Gastonia	1,388.89	271.50		320.68		351.59	2,332.66	11,134.28	25	**	**	1,300.00
Gastonia, First	A. Froneberger, Gastonia	6,892.74	8,676.98		1,145.05	3,155.94	3,673.49	9,941.44	22,900.83	62	**	**	
Gastonia, Flint Groves	T. A. Smith, East Gastonia		12.00		174.72		108.40	295.12	4,020.34	10			
Gastonia, Loray	R. C. Blanton, Gastonia	489.51	210.77		489.51			1,189.79	10,866.79	100			
Gastonia, Marietta St.	J. A. Parker, R. 3, Gastonia	86.73			253.10			339.83	5,297.72	15	**	**	180.00
Gastonia, Temple	T. N. Young, Gastonia	45.45	10.40		60.70			116.55	2,755.62	33	**	**	60.00
Hardin	Walter Friday, Dallas, R. 1	22.50						22.50	1,740.16		**		
Hickory Grove	Geo. R. Abernethy, Lowell, R. 2	69.43			15.30	19.38	38.50	142.61	1,120.52	4			
High Shoals	I. T. Lackey, High Shoals								100.50				
Hulls Grove	W. L. Cansler, Vale, R. 5	21.00	50.92		13.09	3.20	21.00	109.21	602.68				
Long Creek Memorial	L. W. Holland, Dallas		38.61		40.00		17.10	95.71	3,064.82	10			
Lowell, First	C. C. Reid, Lowell	204.97	25.00		68.00		63.04	357.41	9,214.81	15	**		
McAdenville	C. E. Austin, McAdenville	479.38					255.00	734.38	3,060.66				
Mountain View	J. C. Welch, Kings Mountain, R. 3								208.00				
Mount Beulah	W. B. Elam, Lincolnton, R. 5		22.67		14.47		97.00	134.14	1,116.30				
Mount Holly	W. A. Autry, Mt. Holy	117.63		134.84	178.72		254.78	685.97	6,821.88		**		
Mount Zion	C. J Dellinger, Cherryville	41.75	24.56		28.30			94.61	696.72				
Ranlo	A. C. Warlick, Ranlo	14.97				113.15		128.12	7,434.97		**		
Riverside	E. R. Bumgardner, Lowell, R. 2				71.09			71.09	874.84	3			
Sandy Plains	Henry Moten, Lowell, R. 1	44.35			33.18			77.53	602.43				
Shady Grove	D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville, R. 2		39.50					39.50	835.09				
Spencer Mountain	C. Y. Smith, Lowell, R. 2		55.40		126.12			181.52	1,021.17				
Tuckaseege	C. Lester Thomas, Mt. Holly		120.63		81.54		17.84	220.01	1,156.32				
Webbs Chapel	W. R. Huffstetler, Lincolnton, R. 5								182.75		**	**	
Woodlawn	W. P. Walker, Art Cloth, Lowell	40.90	70.05				4.50	115.45	1,616.64	2		**	
		$13,923.23	$10,339.72	$880.06	$4,624.35	$4,274.27	$6,641.16	$25,576.59	$126,920.61	395			$1,540.00

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TABLE VI---B. Y. P. U.'S OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1929

CHURCHES	THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK														
	Does Church have Gen'l B.Y.P.U. Organization?	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Systematic Givers in All Unions	Total Number Daily Bible Readers
Alexis	No		1		1	2			15		12	27		
Belmnt, East	Yes		1	1	1	3			24	17	21	62	36	30
Belmont, First	No	1	1	1	1	4	4	15	24	28	20	87		
Bessemer City	Yes		1	1	1	3			15	46	27	88	45	30
Bethel	No			1		1				20		20		
Bruington	No		1			1			20			20		
Center View	Yes		1	1	2	4	4		27	20	22	69		
Cherryville	Yes		1	1	1	3	3		36	19	24	79		
Cramerton	Yes		1	1	1	3	2		24	26	18	68	Yes	30
Dallas	Yes			1	2	3				13	27	40	30	25
Gastonia, Calvary	No		1	1	1	3			26				17	14
Gastonia, East	Yes		2	3	1	6			27	42	18	87		
Gastonia, First	Yes		1	2	2	5			54	41	54	149	85	55
Gastonia, Flint Groves	No		1			1			25			25	20	15
Gastonia, Loray	Yes	1	2	4	4	11	11	11	30	38	44	123	111	116
Gastonia, Marietta St.	Yes		1	1	1	3			15	8	12	35		21
Gastonia, Temple	Yes	1	1	2	2	6	2	5	14	21	24	64	50	40
Hardin	Yes	1				1		37				37		5
Hickory Grove	Yes		1	1	1	3			16	14	18	48		15
High Shoals	No			1		1				29		29		
Hulls Grove	No			1		1				20		20		
Long Creek Memorial	Yes		1	1	1	3			17	10	13	40	12	6
Lowell, First	Yes		1	1	1	3			23	22	35	80	20	25
McAdenville	Yes		1		1	2			20		15	35		
Mountain View	No		1		1	2			35		20	55		
Mt. Beulah	No		1	1	1	3			19	12	11	42	11	24
Mt. Holly	Yes		1	2		3			15	31		46	25	10
Mt. Zion	No		1		1	2			13		16	29	18	12
Ranlo	Yes		1	1	1	3			25	14	28	67	38	20
Riverside	No		1			1			14			14		
Sandy Plains	No		1		1	2			27		18	45		
Shady Grove	No		1		1	2			14		11	25	20	12
Spencer Mountain	No													
Tuckaseege	Yes	1			1	2	2	48			18	66		20
Webbs Chapel	Yes													4
Woodlawn	No		1		1	2			18		22	40		
		5	30	30	33	98	28	116	632	491	548	1761	538	539

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TABLE VII—Woman's Work of Gaston County Baptist Association, September, 1

CHURCHES	Number of Woman's Missionary Societies	Number of Y.W.A.'s	Number of G.A.'s	Number of R.A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W.M.U. Organizations	W.M.S. Members	Y.W.A.'s Members	G.A.'s Members	R.A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions and Benevolences	Total Gifts All Purposes
Alexis	1					1	10					10	10	$ 2.25	$ 111.15	$ 113.40
Belmont, East	1				1	2	20				16	36	8	316.00	270.33	586.33
Belmont, First	1	1			1	3	26	23			17	66			725.82	725.82
Bessemer City	1	1	1		1	4	37	12	11		15	75		84.10	95.65	179.75
Bethel																
Bruington	2	1			1	4	15	8			30	53	8	345.00	45.00	390.00
Center View		1				1		13				13				
Cherryville	1	1			1	3	36	20			24	80	15	460.85	163.55	624.40
Cramerton	1	1	1		1	4	24	28	23		14	89	28	60.60	138.34	198.94
Dallas	1		1			2	17		10			27	17	16.85	453.68	470.53
Gastonia, Calvary														429.33		429.33
Gastonia, East	1		1		1	3	35		12		22	69			351.59	351.59
Gastonia, First	1	1	1	1	1	5	198	12	17	11	66	304	51		3,673.49	3,673.49
Gastonia, Flint Groves	1					1	27					27	27	5.00	103.40	108.40
Gastonia, Loray	1				1	2	35				30	65	25	9.60	489.51	499.11
Gastonia, Marietta St.																
Gastonia, Temple	1					1	8					8				
Hardin																
Hickory Grove	1					1	14					14		18.90	67.93	86.83
High Shoals																
Hulls Grove	1		1		1	3	14		15		11	40		13.50	25.90	39.40
Long Creek Memorial	1					1	12					12		41.45	17.10	58.55
Lowell, First	1	1	1	1	1	5	34	17	11	10	15	87	12	360.08	68.04	428.12
McAdenville	1					1	25	0				25				
Mountain View																
Mt. Beulah	1		1	1	1	4	10		13	11	15	49	7	20.00	75.00	95.00
Mt. Holly	1	1			1	3	30	15			30	75		479.78	254.78	734.56
Mt. Zion																
Ranlo	2		1		1	4	30		9		20	59		50.00	75.00	125.00
Riverside																
Sandy Plains	1					1	13					13				
Shady Grove																
Spencer Mountain																
Tuckaseege		1				1		10				10		17.84		17.84
Webbs Chapel																
Woodlawn	1					1	11					11			4.50	4.50
	25	10	9	3	14	61	671	158	120	32	325	1317	208	$2,731.13	$7,209.76	$9,939.89

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Constitution

Name

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "The Gaston County Baptist Association.

Object

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the gospel (as we hold it) to the people within the bounds of the Association, and so co-operate with the Baptist State Convention.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, pastors of the churches in the Association, and Messengers from the churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof over and above 200 members and also one additional messenger for every five thousand dollars or fraction thereof, contributed to the causes of the two conventions.

Officers

Article 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, a Treasurer and a Clerk, all of whom shall be elected each year, by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall correspond to the duties of the same officers in like organizations, or as defined by the Association from time to time.

Boards and Committees

Article 5. The Association shall elect an Executive Committee each year whose duties shall be to look after having the gospel preached in all parts of the Association, and to attend to all business of the Association between the sessions and to make such reports as they deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Association. The Association may appoint or elect such other Boards or Committees from time to time as circumstances may require.

Time of Meeting

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually, on Wednesday after the Third Sunday in October. The Moderator may at the request of the Executive Committee change the time or the place of meeting of this Association when it may be deemed by him not expedient to meet at the time or place appointed.

Vacancies

Article 7. The Moderator in concurrence with the Executive Committee may fill any vacancy occurring between meetings of the Association.

Amendments

Article 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Asociation by a two-thirds vote of the number enrolled on the first day of the Association.

By-Laws

No By-Laws Adopted: The Association follows Kerfoot's Rules of order for Parliamentary authority.

HISTORICAL

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1919	Gastonia First	D. F. Putnam	H. B. Moore	David P. Dellinger
1920	Long Creek Memor'l	T. H. King	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1921	Cherryville	T. M. Kester	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1922	Cramerton	T. M. Kester	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1923	Loray Gastonia	E. C. Andrews	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1924	Mount Zion	J. O. Fulbright	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1925	Alexis	W. T. Baucom	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1926	Flint-Groves	O. W. Triplett	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1927	Hickory Grove	J. J. Beach	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1928	Gastonia, Marietta St.	T. L. Cashwell	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1929	Mt. Holly	Dr. B. A. Bowers	R. G. Mace	M. O. Thornburg

MAILING CHURCH LETTERS

The Association requires that the Clerks of the several churches prepare and mail to the Clerk of the Association all Letters to the Association at least ten (10) days before the annual meeting.

Further, that the Associational Year close on the 30th day of September each year.

Therefore, no collections made, members received or business done on or after October 1st, should be included in the previous year's report. It is important that this rule be observed strictly for uniformity of the facts and statistics.

FUNDS FOR MINUTES AND PRINTING

The Fund for Minutes and Printing should by all means be sent with the Letter to avoid delay in the printing and delivery of the Minutes. A committee from the Association estimated that 3c. per member should cover this item.

CLERK'S NOTE

The Clerk was somewhat handicapped due to this being his first year and not being entirely familiar with all the details of his office.

Many important items are left out of the statistical tables due to some churches not making full report of all their activities in the annual church letters. It is, therefore, earnestly requested that we have the full co-operation of every church in the Association next year, in order that the minutes may be accurate and complete as possible.

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Directory of Association

Officers

R. G. Mace, Moderator ..... Belmont, N. C.
J. J. Black, Vice Moderator ..... Cherryville, N. C.
John A. Wilkins, Clerk ..... Gastonia, N. C.
J. R. Rollins, Treasurer ..... Bessemer City, N. C.

Executive Committee

Gastonia District—B. A. Bowers, J. W. Whitley.
Belmont District—R. G. Mace, Mrs. W. J. Francis, Bryan Hurd.
Dallas, District—W. T. Baucom, K. L. Linberger.
Cherryville-Bessemer City District—C. J. Black, J. J. Beach.

Chairmen of Committee to Report 1931

Hospitals—W. T. Baucom ..... Dallas, N. C.
Orphanage—W. A. Hoffman ..... Gastonia, N. C.
Ministerial Relief—M. P. Rhyne ..... Dallas, N. C.
Religious Literature—D. C. Wesson ..... McAdenville, N. C.
Women's Work—Mrs. W. J. Francis ..... Belmont, N. C.
State Missions—C. E. Phillips ..... Dallas, N. C.
Home Missions—T. L. Cashwell ..... Gastonia, N. C.
Foreign Missions—E. V. Hudson ..... Cramerton, N. C.
Sunday Schools—K. L. Lineberger ..... Dallas, N. C.
B. Y. P. U.—J. P. Thomas ..... Gastonia, N. C.
Denominational Schools—J. W. Whitley ..... Gastonia, N. C.
Public Morals and Temperance—Rush Padgett ..... Lowell, N. C.
Obituaries—W. G. Camp ..... Cherryville, N. C.

Associational Auxiliaries

Director B. Y. P. U.—J. P. Thomas ..... Gastonia, N. C.
Pres. W. M. U.—Mrs. W. J. Francis ..... Belmont, N. C.
Member State Mission Board—J. W. Whitley ..... Gastonia, N. C.
Director S. S.—K. L. Lineberger ..... Dallas, N. C.
Delegates to State Convention—M. L. Barnes and Rush Padgett
Delegate to Sou. Baptist Convention—R. A. Kelly ..... Belmont, N. C.
Hospital Representative—W. J. Francis ..... Belmont, N. C.
Orphanage Representative—Bryan Hurd ..... Cramerton, N. C.

Associational Institutions

Boiling Springs Junior College

Zeno Wall, President.....Shelby, N. C.

Trustees

J. H. Quinn, Chairman, Shelby, N. C.

Term Expires 1931

J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.
R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.

Term Expires 1932

B. A. Bowers, Gastonia, N. C.
W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

Term Expires 1933

D. P. Stowe, Belmont, N. C.
N. B. Kendrick, Cherryville, N.C.

Term Expires 1934

R. F. Craig, Stanley, N. C.
W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Term Expires 1935

M. A. Stroup, Cherryville, N. C.
E. V. Hudson, Cramerton, N. C.

THE GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST LOAN FUND

Executive Secretary—W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Loan Committee—J. P. Thomas, Gastonia, N. C.; M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia, N. C., and R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.

Associational Missionary or Other Paid Employees—None.

Standing Committee—None.

Representative of Laymen's Movement—None.

The Auxiliary Meetings—The Association has no W. M. U. Auxiliary, Sunday School Convention, B. Y. P. U. or Laymen's Convention which meets at the same time or during sessions of the Association.

MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

(Adopted at the Organization of the Association November 4, 1919).

List of Messengers

1930 SESSION

ALEXIS—V. M. Shepherd, C. H. Senter, A. L. McAllister, Mrs. V. M. Shepherd, Mrs. A. L. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Stroup.

BELMONT, EAST—R. G. Mace, Joe Millon, Cora Yount.

BELMONT, FIRST—W. J. Francis.

BESSEMER CITY—J. C. Black, W. A. Lineberger.

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CRAMERTON—E. V. Hudson, Bryan Hurd.

DALLAS—W. T. Baucom, Mrs. D. L. Friday.

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GASTONIA, S. MARIETTA ST.—J. A. Hudson, Mrs. W. B. Clifton, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. G. H. Rider, L. G. Redding.

GASTONIA, TEMPLE—W. A. Hoffman.

HARDIN—H. A. High.

HICKORY GROVE—L. M. Flowers, J. F. Abernethy.

HIGH SHOALS—C. P. Abernethy.

HULL'S GROVE—C. M. Robinson, Mrs. Lizzie Hull, Dora Willis.

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McADENVILLE—D. C. Wesson, Mrs. D. C. Wesson, Mrs. W. H. Kay, D. J. Cobb, J. W. Rankin.

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MT. HOLLY—E. H. Biggerstaff, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnes, F. L. Abernethy, Geo. L. Mullis.

MT. ZION—Edna Crowder, D. F. Putnam, Lee Wacaster.

RANLO—W. L. Walters, M. W. Taylor, E. B. Watson.

RIVERSIDE—

SANDY PLAINS—M. P. Rhyne.

SHADY GROVE—D. P. Foster, F. L. Mauney.

SPENCER MOUNTAIN—

TUCKASEEGE—Mrs. W. R. Farmer, Mrs. J. L. Thomas, Mrs. Sam Fleming.

WEBB'S CHAPEL—Mrs. W. R. Huffstetter, Gnall Murphy, Pauline Huss.

WOODLAWN—C. F. Comstock.

VISITORS ENROLLED

S. A. Rhyne, Irwin Baptist Church; Dr. Zeno Wall, Shelby; Hon. J. H. Quinn, Shelby; Prof. J. D. Huggins, Boiling Springs; Rev. J. L. Jenkins, Boiling Springs; Mrs. Grady Ratchford, Gastonia; Mrs. John Hord, Gastonia; Beulah Cox, South Gastonia; Myrtle Gardner, South Gastonia; Roberta Loy, Lowell; Mrs. J. J. Beach, Cherryville; Mrs. E. B. Watson, East Gastonia; Glenn Harrill. South Gastonia; Florence Clark, Ranlo; Carl Mathlern, Ranlo; Mrs. N. L. Mauney, Cherryville; Lillian Baker, Ranlo; W. L. Mashburn, Ranlo; J. E. Powell, East Gastonia; Elliott Cline, East Gastonia; Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Biggerstaff, Cherryville; J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City; Joe S. Wray, Bessemer City; A. R. Holland, Dallas; W. C. Houser, Cherryville; W. J. T. Styers, Cherryville; J. G. Lackey, High Shoals; J. L. Featherstone, Sandy Plains; J. W. Costner, Lawndale; Miss Aline Carmen, Lowell; Mrs. M. P. Shetley. Bessemer City; A. D. Clemmer. Gastonia; M. M. Parker, Lowell; Mrs. L. A. Veise, Dallas; Mrs. Geo. R. Grice, Mt. Holly; Mrs. W. A. Jenkins, Dallas; Mrs. T. S. Summey, Dallas; Dr. M. L. Kesler, Thomasville; Mrs. Lottie Davis, Dallas; Mrs. F. R. Smith. Dallas; D. C. Wylie, Kings Mountain; Mrs. A. L. Shook, Dallas; R. L. Chaney, Kings Mountain; Mrs. C. E. Phillips, Dallas; Mrs. W. T. Baucom, Dallas; J. A. Culberson, Kings Mountain; T. A. Drake, Easley, S. C.; Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, Raleigh; Ruth Crowder, Cherryville; Miss Naomi Braswell, Belmont; Mrs. W. J. T. Styers, Cherryville; Mrs. J. A. Hudson, S. Gastonia; Mrs. E. H. Biggerstaff, Cherryville; Faybelle Biggerstaff. Cherryville; Mrs. B. M. Holland, Gastonia; Ethel Biggerstaff, Cherryville; Mozelle Biggerstaff, Cherryville; Mrs. M. L. Kesler, Thomasville; Mrs. B. H. Carpenter, Bessemer City, R. F. D.; Mrs. Sarah Holland, Dallas; Elsie McAlister Alexis; Mrs. A. E. Adams, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Snyder, Asheville; G. P. Abernethy, Shelby; J. L. Skidmore, Mt. Holly; Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Sams. Mars Hill; W. E. Furcron, Grover, N. C.; W. L. Brown, Shelby; A. E. Clemmer, Lowell; L. L. Jessup, Shelby; W. W. Shannon, Mt. Holly; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Suttle, Shelby; I. P. Stanfield, Clover; Labe Abernethy McAdenville; F. L. Hawkins, Lowell; Margaret Richards, Webb's Chapel; Mrs. J. W. Mauney, Webb's Chapel; Emma Hartsell, Kings Mountain; Wallace Hartsell, Kings Mountain; J. W. Gladden Kings Mountain; Mrs. D. F. Friday, Dallas; B. J. Keeter, Grover, N. C.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twelfth Annual Session

OF THE

GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

BESSEMER CITY BAPTIST CHURCH

BESSEMER CITY, N. C.

FIRST DAY

Wednesday, October 22, 1930, 9:30 A. M.

1. The Twelfth Annual Session of the Gaston County Baptist Association convened with the Bessemer City Baptist Church, Bessemer City, N. C., Wednesday, October 22, 1930, at 9:30 a. m.

2. Koy Peterson, Director of Religious Education of the First Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., leads the opening song service and D. C. Wesson, pastor McAdenville Baptist Church, McAdenville, N. C., leads the devotional in the absence of W. B. Hair. Brother Wesson used as his subject the passage "One Thing Thou Lackest" taken from 10th chapter Mark.

3. R. G. Mace, Moderator, calls the association to order for the transaction of business and appoints D. P. Dellinger and W. G. Camp as committee of enrollment. On motion of B. A. Bowers the association proceeds with the transaction of business pending the report of the enrollment committee.

The Enrollment Committee reports 91 delegates and 62 visitors at the opening session.

4. The Moderator appoints Bryan Hurd, W. T. Baucom and B. F. Austin as committee to recommend change in order of business. Due to other necessary changes the report of committee was not adopted.

On motion of B. A. Bowers the order of business was changed to permit J. W. Whitley to report on State Missions at 11 this a. m., and hear the Annual Sermon by R. A. Kelley at 1:30 p. m. This change was necessary due to the presence of Dr. Chas. Maddry, our State Secretary.

5. W. J. Francis reads report on Hospitals.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

During the year 1929, 2725 patients entered and left the Baptist Hospital. 591 were full charity patients, 1009 were part pay. 1125 were full pay or 412.3 per cent. of full number. Many of these charity patients would have died had it not been for the Baptist Hospital. Jesus spent a great deal of his time healing the sick. The Baptist Hospital is doing a great good by keeping homes together as well as the Mills Home. This year we are going to see an added burden on account of the depression in business.

The Baptist Hospital has many ministers, missionaries and their children, students from schools and many are diseased and cripples. None are turned away. A great per cent of them are cured and sent back to their families and loved ones to begin anew the battle of life sometimes aiding a lonely mother in making a living.

Is this all worth while? Is good health and an opportunity to live worth while? Our Lord thought so.

The hospital needs equipment. Medical science is constantly urging better equipment with which to work. Our hospital must keep pace with all the new ideas advanced from time to time. This takes money. How can we keep pace and get the money to do so? Charity draws on the income at an alarming rate.

Last year $5,500.00 was spent for charity. To help meet this sum $15,500.00 was received from Mother's Day. $8,750.00 was received from the Duke Foundation. A few other small amounts supplemented this sum, but $19,000.00 of this had to be taken out for operating expenses. The bills were paid but the hospital suffered.

This year up to June 1st, 45 per cent of the patients were charity. This is, 54 per cent of the patient days brought anything at all. The demands of this year will be greater.

What is the solution? Our churches and Sunday Schools should take the Hospital seriously. Only one-fifth of the Sunday Schools in North Carolina give to this cause. Many do not observe Mother's

Day at all. The Hospital in many schools get the remnants of the collection.

Along with the urging of our schools and churches to observe Mother's Day and sending a worth offering to the Hospital, we urge churches to send their charity patients if possible to the Baptist Hospital and this will give them some other revenue.

A word about the Christian atmosphere among the hospital family. The Bible School, the Y. W. C. A., the prayer meetings, the sincere religious spirit which prevails will be a great stimulus to any patient who enters there and no one can estimate the influence of the surroundings for good throughout the State.

W. J. FRANCIS for Committee.

6. J. A. Hudson reads report on Orphanage.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Orphanage work among Baptist of our State began about forty-five years ago, when the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, now known as the Mills Home, was organized. In 1914 the Kennedy Home near Kinston was added as a part of the same institution; and was conducted under the same management. And a few years later Mothers' Aid Work was also added to this department. And during this forty-five years, more than 3500 children have received of its blessings by having come under its protection and sustaining arm. Of this fact, we would feel boastful were it not also true that many, many other children as worthy as those received, have been turned away unaided.

The Mills Home is now caring for 500 children, the Kennedy Home 135, while about 275 are cared for by the Mothers' Aid.

The Mills Home is a home-like institution, the children being cared for in cottages, each cottage being in charge of a matron. These matrons assisted by the older children, do the cooking, cleaning, etc., and it is done in such a fine spirit, and with such orderly cooperation, the home-like atmosphere is not marred.

The Home maintains its own school for the children, taking them through the regular high school course. Aside from this, the boys are taught many things from farm and dairy; and the girls in domestic science work.

A beautiful church is also a part of the Mills Home. And with a very able pastor, Brother John Arch McMillan, the religious life of the children is taken care of.

This phase of our work has no part in our unified program, but depends entirely on a Thanksgiving offering once a year from the churches, and the first Sunday's collection from Sunday Schools. If all of our Sunday Schools and churches would observe these special days, the Home would be well taken care of, but many do not, and therefore the work is handicapped by debt. The Duke Foundation gave the institution $50,000 a short time ago. This, we are sure will be greatly appreciated by all; and it should stimulate all Baptist to do more, and seek to enlarge instead of diminish this very important work; "For as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

J. A. HUDSON.

7. Geo. W. Davis reads report on Ministerial Relief.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF ANNUITIES

The relief and annuity board of the Southern Baptist Convention located in Dallas, Texas, is doing a great work in our Convention. It is particularly taking care of the old ministers and widows and children of ministers that have given the best of their lives for the work of the convention and giving the message of Salvation to those on mission fields. The old ministers who have served small churches with little pay are being taken care of now through the work of this board.

The board is not only interested in taking care of old ministers and widows but it is working out plans for annuities for the younger preachers that they may have help when they have given a life in service to the Master and our convention.

During the past year the board aided in North Carolina 68 ministers and 67 ministers' widows at an outlay of $14,817.16. Last year the board aided 661 ministers, 614 widows and 3 orphans. The benefits paid during the past year through the two funds. The relief and the annuity have surpassed any previous year. There has been distributed in relief benefits $126 193.44 and in annuity benefits $55,101.70. The total from the two being $181-295.14.

Dr. J. B. Grambrell, more than a decade ago, wrote concerning the relief and annuity board as follows: "Our new board is like a tree. It is now small; but if it is cultivated and watered, some day it will be a giant tree. It will bear fruit to gladden the hearts of multitudes of men and women who have put their all into the work of the Kingdom. It is a thing that every one of us ought to take a turn at—that of cultivating this tree."

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DAVIS.

On motion to adopt the three reports are discussed jointly by W. J. Francis, J. A. Hudson.

Dr. M. L. Kesler of our Orphanage at Thomasville was recognized and spoke in a most appealing manner of our orphanage. Dr. Kesler read a list of the churches in our association who contribute regularly to the orphanage and urged the others to have a worthy part in view of the great need.

In the absence of Geo. W. Davis and on motion of J. W. Whitley the association voted to allow Brother Davis' report on Ministerial Relief to be inserted into the Minutes of the association.

8. J. W. Whitley reads report on State Missions and yields floor to Dr. Maddry for discussion.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

We rounded out one hundred years of organized effort in our State Mission work. In the very beginning, our fathers made plans for evangelizing North Carolina. If we were to examine the history of many of our strongest churches today, we would find that they were either organized or fostered by our State Mission Board. Beginning at Asheville, coming down by Salisbury and on by Greensboro and Raleigh to Wilmington, every Baptist Church was either organized or fostered by the State Mission Board. This would hold true in any and all our towns and cities.

Has the State Mission Board finished its task? If any man will look upon the present field in North Carolina with its shops and factories, good roads and good schools, and its rapid growing towns and cities, he would at once say that there is greater need today than ever before. There are at last three white fields within our own Association which should be occupied at once. This is a State Mission task. If we do not go in and possess the land, others will do so. What is said of our own Association would be true of most all the other industrial associations.

Three things we must keep in mind as we approach the task of State Missions and all other cooperative work: First, we must get back to the time-honored Baptist idea and theory that the church—a local congregation of believers—is the supreme unit and sovereign authority in all the cooperative work and life of the denomination.

Second. We must relearn that even a greater thing than Baptist independence is Baptist voluntary and whole-hearted cooperation in all phases of kingdom work.

Third. If we succeed in our voluntary and whole-hearted cooperation for the spread of the gospel around the world, our Association must so mobilize its forces that every church within our bounds shall be actively and constructively enlisted in the full and complete program of all our denominational work.

Therefore we make the following suggestions:

First. That we appoint a committee to recommend some worthy objectives for each local church in our Association; and, at the report of this committee, let the delegates of each church accept, or modify and accept, these objectives for the incoming Association year.

Second. That we so re-organize our Executive Committee geographically and departmentally that we will have one member of the Executive Committee for every five or six churches in our Association and that every phase of our work will be represented.

Third. That we covenant together here at this session of our Association as representatives of the churches, leaders, and pastors, one and all, that we will do our best to see to it that every church within our bounds shall have a worthy part in our organized denominational program for next year.

Fourth. That we most urgently request every church to observe State Mission Day the last Sunday in October taking a worthy offering for State Missions.

Fifth. That we commend our State Mission Board for giving us the services of Miss Naomi Braswell and urgently request our Board to continue her splendid work.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS W. WHITLEY.

Dr. Maddry ably discusses State Mission report and makes urgent appeal that every Baptist Church, pastor and layman rally to the support of our state program at once.

J. W. Whitley offers the following resolution: Resolved, That we earnestly request the State Mission Board to continue the services of Miss Naomi Braswell in the Gaston County Baptist Association for another year. The resolution is adopted.

T. L. Cashwell offered as a substitute motion to the one contained in Bro. Whitley's report that the newly formed Executive Committee be asked to confer with pastors and representatives of each church and arrange, if possible, for each local church to set and adopt in church conference a worthy amount for co-operative program. The sum total of which be the goal accepted by Gaston County Baptist Association. The substitute motion was adopted.

The report on state missions is adopted.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

9. The association convenes at 1:15. Koy Peterson leads the song service. T. L. Cashwell led the devotional using as a scripture lesson 12th chapter of Romans, after the reading of which Rush Padgett, pastor of First Baptist church of Lowell led in prayer.

10. B. A. Bowers reads the Report on Denominational Schools and yields floor to Dr. O. E. Sams of Mars Hill College.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

October 29, 1930

There is still a great need for Christian Education; for most of the education of today needs a deeper touch of the spiritual. Those

of us who have attended State institutions, are conscious of the fact that purely secular institutions can not supply this need. The matter of religion is entirely beyond the realm of State institutions; therefore the fact still remains that Baptist leaders should be trained in Baptist schools.

In years past our schools have done a high type of work, and today we find their graduates filling the most worthy and trusted positions of our great commonwealth.

The various types of our schools in our system have ministered to the needs of growing North Carolinians from the mountain to the sea, and we appreciate the wonderful service rendered. We are not forgetting this wonderful service when we call attention to the fact that today we are living under changed conditions. In the past decade marvelous changes have taken place in the educational field of North Carolina. The schoolless community is a thing of the past, with our present system of public schools practically every boy and girl in our state, is within reach of both grammar and high school. Consequently we do not need the large number of schools that we are maintaining at the present time, we must also remember that the debts on our schools have produced a disastrous financial situation in our State work. If financial obligations voted by the State Convention were met, it would take practically every cent contributed by North Carolina for State work, for some time to come. It will be suicidal for us to continue our present system. In this day of concentration and reduction of expenses, we should give serious attention to the matter of reducing the number of our schools, and of greatly strengthening those that remain. Our program for the future should be one that would challenge our Baptist constituency; calling for large gifts from able Baptists and at the same time presenting a real challenge to the boys and girls of every Baptist home.

The writer of this report has conferred with many Baptists, who feel keenly that we should not maintain more than three or four schools in the entire State.

If this report is adopted, it is recommended that a copy of this report be sent to the State Mission Board Committee, now making a thorough survey of our whole school system.

Most respectfully submitted,

B. A. BOWERS.

Dr. Sams of Mars Hill discusses the subject in a most interesting way, setting forth the wonderful religious atmosphere and advantages offered by Mars Hill College.

Miss Brown, of South Mountain Institute, was also recognized and spoke interestingly of the splendid work being done by that institution.

Dr. Bowers also discusses the report setting forth the necessity of drastic curtailment in the number of denominational schools maintained by N. C. Baptists.

A motion was made by Rush Padgett to eliminate from the Denominational Schools report the suggestion to eliminate all but three or four schools. The motion is discussed by B. A. Bowers, C. J. Black, Rush Padgett, J. W. Whitley, E. V. Hudson, T. L. Cashwell and others. The motion was lost.

The report on Denominational Schools is adopted.

11. Koy Peterson leads in singing and E. V. Hudson in prayer after which R. A. Kelley, pastor First Baptist Church of Belmont preaches the annual sermon using as his subject: "Are You Satisfied with Jesus. Is Jesus Satisfied with You." Mr. Kelley preached a powerful sermon—appealing to every member of our association to adopt the Bible plan of giving and living.

12. Bryan Hurd, Director Gaston County Baptist S. S. Association reads report on Sunday Schools.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Sunday School work of North Carolina Baptist stands at the very forefront of all the Southern States, being surpassed in membership by only one State, Texas.

Our advancements in this State is due in a large way to the untiring efforts of our State Sunday School Secretary, Mr. Perry Morgan, and his fine staff of workers.

Some of Our Achievements

1. As a State we have 2356 Baptist churches with a membership of 400,660, in these churches are 2,266 Sunday Schools with a membership of 348,054, an increase of 89 Sunday Schools, and 16,326 in membership over last year. More than 10,000 awards were given to North Carolina Baptist last year for teacher training work.

2. As to the Association we have 36 churches with a membership of 10,166. We have 37 Sunday Schools in the Association with a present enrollment of 11,085, with a present average attendance of 6,600. These figures show a large increase over last year's report. 400 baptisms were reported from our Sunday Schools last year with gifts totaling $13,185.00. We have six standard Sunday Schools in the Association, 867 officers and teachers with 346 holding Normal Course Displomas. Only two Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held last year.

The Sunday Schools in Gaston County have formed a Baptist Sunday School Association. A Sunday School Director appointed by the Gaston County Baptist Association and invested with power to call a meeting of pastors and Sunday School superintendents for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School Association. This meeting was held with the East Gastonia Baptist Church Sunday, March 9, 1930, with 27 of the 36 churches represented and a dele-

gation of more than 500, plans of the reorganization were presented, and the following by-laws were read and adopted:

Name

The organization shall be known as the Gaston County Baptist Sunday School Association, and under the jurisdiction of the Gaston County Baptist Association, and under the leadership of a director appointed by the Association at their annual meeting, said director serving until his successor be appointed.

Object

It is the object of the Sunday School Association to form a central source of communication that Sunday Schools may confer together and take council together on all questions pertaining to the Lord's Kingdom, and to devise plans, foster agencies and secure workers to assist the churches in carrying out the great Missionary, Educational and Benevolent work committed to them.

Officers

The officers of the Sunday School Association, serving with the appointed director, shall be an Associational Superintendent, and four group superintendents, one for each district in the Association, a secretary and treasurer, a choirster and a pianist. These officers shall be elected by the Sunday School Association at its annual convention, and shall serve for one year, their duties shall be to aid in carrying out the program as defined by the Sunday School Association.

Meetings

The Sunday School Association shall on the second Sunday in October hold its annual convention—the Associational Superintendent may change the date of meeting if conditions demand, there shall be quarterly or monthly meetings as shall be arranged by the officers of the Sunday School Association.

At our convention held with the First Baptist Church, Gastonia, the following was adopted, to hold, beside our annual convention, a monthly conference of Sunday School workers also at this convention were elected officers for the year ending October, 1931; M. O. Thornberg, Associational Superintendent, with four Associate Superintendents, as follows: J. T. Allen, L. J. Waldrop, T. S. Summey and W. S. Haney. Miss Erla Griffin was re-elected secretary and treasurer; Miss Lottie Bumgardner, pianist and Mr. Koy Peterson, choirster.

At this meeting 13 pastors, 19 Sunday School superintendents and more than 1300 representatives of Sunday Schools were present.

These are but a few of the inspirational facts of our Sunday School achievements, but these should be sufficient to lead us on to more work and greater success.

The advancement made in Sunday Schools in our Association is due largely to our field worker, Miss Naomi Braswell, and we owe much in praise and gratitude to her for the fine work she has done.

That we cooperate with our Sunday School Association, giving earnest thought and prayer in the training of officers and teachers.

That we do more toward making our Sunday Schools standard.

That we do all possible in holding of Daily Vacation Bible schools in our churches this year.

BRYAN HURD, Association S. S. Director.

B. A. Bowers makes motion that report be amended to provide for every S. S. in association putting on a program for State Missions and endeavor to raise a minimum of 25c for state missions as soon as possible.

The report is discussed by Bryan Hurd, B. A. Bowers, Miss Naomi Braswell, Field Worker for this association.

The motion and amendment were both unanimously adopted.

13. The moderator appoints the following committees:

Nominating Officers—J. W. Whitley, W. J. Francis, C. J. Black.

Nominating Executive Committee—Koy Peterson, D. C. Wesson, W. G. Camp.

Committee on Place and Preacher—E. H. Biggerstaff, C. F. Comstock, M. P. Rhyne.

Order of Business—Forney Abernethy, D. P. Dellinger, C. E. Phillips.

Wednesday Evening Session—7 o'Clock

14. The association was inspired with a special musical program given by the Gamble and Melville mills girls' Glee Club under the direction of Mr. A. B. Cobb.

15. The moderator calls the association to order. J. Q. Yates lead in singing "I Am Bound for the Promised Land." C. E. Phillips led in prayer.

16. J. P. Thomas reads report on B. Y. P. U. which was adopted without discussion.

GASTON COUNTY B. Y. P. U. REPORT

The Associational B. Y. P. U. has been kept intact and in fine working conditions notwithstanding the depression that has somewhat hampered the work. It has required harder work to do this, but as we close the year we are glad to report (as far as we are able to obtain reports) 100 per cent of our churches organized, representing one or more unions in every church in the Gaston County Association.

A number of our churches let their B. Y. P. U.'s die during the summer months, but just recently we put on a reorganization campaign which was a glorious success, having re-organized the last one of our churches so far as we knew.

Seventeen hundred and ninety-three awards were given to our

association during the year. This represents the largest number of awards issued to any association in North Carolina.

A great simultaneous study course, directed by your associational director, was a decided success in many ways, there being twenty-one churches participating. This was due largely to the splendid cooperation of our fine pastors, staff of officers, and other co-workers. The arrangements are already under way for a similar campaign next spring, to be conducted by State Secretary Ivey.

This year's annual B. Y. P. U. Convention with the Mount Holly Baptist Church on June 1 and 2, with 29 churches represented.

This proved to be one of our very best conventions. The theme of the convention was "No Other Name." This was in keeping with the great Southwide keynote.

Doctor B. A. Bowers delivered the annual address to a large representative gathering on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Winnie Rickett, our State Junior-Intermediate Leader; Mr. C. C. Wallace King's Mountain Association; Mr. Cecil B. Dobson, Drexall, N. C., also Mr. E. A. Thrift, together with local talent, appeared on the program. The song service was under the direction of Mr. Koy Peterson, Gastonia, N. C. Rev. L. L. Jessup delivered the annual sermon. Group Conferences were also held.

The next convention will meet with the Dallas Baptist Church, the first Sunday and Monday in June, 1931.

The Mount Holly Convention elected the following officers: J. P. Thomas, president; Miss Myrtle Abernethy, vice-president; Miss Sudie Smith, Gastonia District president; Mr. R. U. Brooks, Dallas District president; Mr. Leslie Bookout, Cherryville-Bessemer City District president; Mr. Leslie Thomas, Belmont District vice-president; Miss Ava Stroupe, Junior-Intermediate leader; Mr. Koy Peterson, choirster; Miss Virginia Beach, pianist, and Miss Ruby Jenkins, secretary and treasurer.

We are striving to obtain the following goals: (1) Every union A-1. (2) To maintain a 100 per cent organization and other extension work in and through the church. (3) To have every member take an active part in soul-winning.

We believe that through the medium of the B. Y. P. U. and emphasizing the above goals that we can be more effective and efficient members of the Baptist church, thereby complying with the scripture, 2 Peter 3:18, "Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," or "Growth in Grace," which is the Southwide B. Y. P. U. theme for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. THOMAS, Director.

The officers of the associational B. Y. P. U. gave a splendid program featuring B. Y. P. U. work.

Those taking part on program were as follows:

Miss Catherine Dobbins, leads devotional, subject,

"Growing in Grace." Jack Farnsworth, subject, "B. Y. P. U. Slogan." E. A. Thrift, president Mecklenburg-Cabarrus B. Y. P. U. association, subject, "Growing in Service."

J. W. Whitley introduced Judge Fred Helms, of Charlotte, who spoke of his conversion and the great need of winning the lost and training them for service.

The session was closed with prayer by D. F. Putnam.

Thursday Morning Session—9:30

17. The moderator calls the association to order. Koy Peterson leads in singing "The Way of the Cross."

W. G. Camp conducts the devotional, using as his subject, "The Sacrifice of Abraham."

18. Rush Padgett reads report on Religious Literature.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

Few people today would question the power of the press. Many of our great political campaigns are fought and won through the press. Much of our moral, social and charitable work is fostered by the different papers. Yet there are but few of those that do not get their coloring from the faith of the editor, and in fact many times from his lack of faith.

The papers most needed in our homes are those edited by Christian men. As such we commend to our people the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and Home and Foreign Fields.

We feel that the circulation of the Recorder, our State paper, falls far short of what it should be. There must be a cause and there should be a remedy. Our boards have used our papers as a pump station until we feel that pumping is the natural function of the papers. The pump soon dries up when the well does.

Could we not use our paper as a seed drill sowing precious grain, not pumping for money but growing faith which serves without constraint.

I hope that this paper will not be misunderstood, for the Recorder compares favorably with other State Baptist papers, but they are having like experience. We are wondering if a little remodeling would help. If the Fords had never been remodeled there would not have been any Fords on the road today. Remodeling has not hurt the car in sales or service.

Surely there is some way to make our papers appeal to the average Christian without loosing any of her present virtues or moral standing. To such end may we pray.

RUSH PADGETT.

The report is discussed by Rush Padgett, Joe S. Wray, C. J. Black, J. W. Costner, Recorder representative of Lawndale, N. C.

The report is adopted.

19. Mrs. B. H. Carpenter reads report on Woman's Work in the absence of Mrs. W. J. Francis, the superintendent.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Since the Gaston County Baptist Association W. M. U. has been without a superintendent this year, I feel that God has moved among the different societies in a wonderful way and that much and lasting good has been built up in a quiet way. There were more organzations this year than at any other time, more Young People's Work carried on than at any other time. Interest in Personal Service grew greater. Mission Study classes were about the same as last year. Our people are becoming more interested in study that they might catch a new vision of what God is wanting done.

At the request of the Executive Committee I have sent out the quarterly report blanks to each of the W. M. U. organizations last year. Number of letters written 327, number of societies visited 7, number of miles traveled 285, postals written 25, circular letters 76, meetings held 5. Have attended three dintrict meetings, attended the Charlotte Divisional meeting at Rutherfordton.

Have given this year to all objects fostered by our organizations $8 606.99. We ask the prayers of the pastors that we might glorify God in all that we say and do during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W J. FRANCIS
For the Executive Committee.

The report is discussed by Mrs. B. H. Carpenter and E. V. Hudson. Brother Hudson spoke of the splendid service being rendered by our noble women and of the fine way in which Mrs. Francis keeps herself informed about the work.

The report is adopted.

20. On motion of Joe S. Wray the order of business is changed to admit report on Home Missions at this time.

W. L. Walters reads report on Home Missions and after brief remarks yields floor to Rev. Holland, returned missionary to Porto Rico, who speaks most interestingly of

Porto Rico and the wonderful missionary opportunity there.

The report is adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the one agency of our denomination that occupies the unique position of doing every kind of Mission Work done by Southern Baptists and is in reality in a position to carry out the great commission and "preach the gospel to every creature." In its work with the foreign population with us it touches the wide world. Its work with the Jews is not only a very difficult task but a very important one as well, for surely those who first rejected our Lord and of whom He was one, need Jesus. The work of the Board in our mountain schools is a great aid to State Missions, this is especially true in North Carolina and bordering states. And too, the Home Mission Board in its Hospital work touches the entire Southland.

Although the work of the Home Mission Board is not exceeded in importance to Kingdom Work by any other agency of the denomination, yet it has had double the difficulties to overcome in comparison with our other agencies. All have faced together the period of uncertainty, lack of confidence and shortage of funds with which to do work, but added to this the Home Mission Board as it is now organized, entered this very trying period with its funds depleted and many fradulent notes outstanding as the result of the operations of one who loved the things of the world to the extent that he would steal from his Lord. The condition shook the confidence of many and caused the outside to look with scorn but from this scene there arose also a spirit of loyalty that did great things to lift this burden. Facing all of these difficulties the Home Mission Board has risen to the task in such way that it deserves the praise of all Southern Baptists and their loyal support and confidence until every obligation is met.

The things being done by the Home Mission Board and the plans they have made are such that we feel brief comment should be made of them in this report:

1. We feel that the policy of the Board in its adoption of a definite debt paying plan should be commended on every hand. An arrangement was made with the banks whereby the Board was to pay 40 per cent of its total income on the retirment of bonds and notes outstanding but when it was found that this was not sufficient a definite amount ($250,000.00 per year) was agreed upon. This seriously hinders many departments of the work but will pay the entire debt of the Board within ten years and Baptists must open their hearts and pay the price if they wish to give the gospel to our homeland.

2. The Board has also adopted another feature in its policy calling for THE PRACTICE OF EVERY POSSIBLE ECONOMY and we feel they should be commended for this action. Not that there has been a waste of funds but a careful check on funds used much has been saved. One item saved being the difference in rent of quarters in the amount of $1,260.00 per year.

3. Along with other agencies of our denomination the Home Mission Board in its report to the Convention at New Orleans expressed itself as favoring a "back to the churches" policy which we feel will mean much more in interest and increased funds than any one thing that can be done. If our various boards will really come to the churches with their problems, surely then pastors and leaders generally will rally and help in the hour of great need.

The fields of operation and the efforts that are being put forth by the Home Mission Board to carry on this great work are too well known to our people to call for details in this report. We feel that the work that is being done is the very best that can be done with what is being given to our men in charge and we do now express to them our appreciation and pledge them our loyal support in completing the task for our Master as long as they shall continue to follow His leadership.

Respectfully sibmitted,

W. L. WALTERS, Committee.

21. J. J. Beach reads report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

In the face of many difficulties, yet through the help of the Lord, there have been many encouragements in our Foreign Mission work during the last year.

The total baptisms reported on all of our 17 fields, were 13,250, and great revivals have occurred on many of the fields.

Our Debts

The debt on the board has been materially reduced for the last two years. The debt on May 30 of this year was $615,137.32.

The plan for reducing the debt is to apply ten per cent of all receipts from the co-operative program, and all special gifts made for this purpose and all moneys received from the sale of properties owned by the board, which are not now being used by the board for mission purposes.

But this use of the funds for payment of debts, has crippled our work and made retrenchment necessary on many needy fields. During the last three years we have suffered a loss of 100 missionaries and 300 native workers, and we are now facing the danger of losing a number of our fields, where we have labored and the Lord has blessed the work of our laborers This seems nothing short of a tragedy to lose a mission field

Our Finances

Our receipts during the year ending May 30, were $1 222,287.30. This was $206,369,61 less than the preceding year. This continual falling off of receipts spells disaster to the work.

Of this amount 60 per cent came from co-operative program and 40 per cent designated gifts.

Our board is forced each year to cut down the appropriations notwithstanding the crying needs that come from all the fields.

We have now more than a hundred faithful missionaries at home trying to serve here and their hearts across the sea. Besides we are holding in leash a number of young men and women who feel the call of the spirit to the work of foreign missions.

Our Needs

We need MEN and MONEY. It seems that the men are ready to go and the great call to Baptists now is the stewardship of MONEY. Every agency of our denomination can function if our people will be scriptural on finances, confess whatever of mistakes we have made in the past and adjust ourselves to our real program of saving the lost world, and restore the lost confidence of our people in our one objective—Saving the lost.

J. J. BEACH.

The report is ably discussed by J. J. Beach and the report is adopted.

22. On recommendation of the Committee on Order of Business and on motion of B. A. Bowers the time for adjournment is extended 15 minutes to hear from a delegation from the Kings Mountain association of which Dr. Zeno Wall, of Shelby, was spokesman, and brought an inspiring message on behalf of Boiling Springs Jr. College.

Thursday Afternoon Session

23. Koy Peterson leads in singing "Lord I Give Myself to Thee." W. A. Hoffman leads the devotional, using as a scripture lesson the 8th chapter of 1st Cor.

24. On recommendation of J. W. Whitley, C. J. Black and D. C. Wesson, committee to nominate officers for ensuing year, the following officers were elected:

R. G. Mace, Moderator.
J. J. Black, Vice Moderator.
Jno. Wilkins, Clerk.
J. R. Rollins, Treasurer.
J. P. Thomas, Secretary B. Y. P. U.
J. W. Whitley, Member State Mission Board.
K. L. Lineberger, Director S. S. Work.
M. L. Barnes, Del. to State Baptist Convention.
Rush Padgett, Del. to State Baptist Convention.

R. A. Kelley, Del. to Southern Baptist Convention.
W. J. Francis, Hos. Rep.
Bryan Hurd, Orhp. Rep.
M. A. Stroup, Trustee B. S. J. C.
E. V. Hudson, Trustee B. S. J. C.

C. J. Black moves the association continue our representation on the Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs Jr. College and assume our proportional part of the running expenses of the institution from this date forward.

After discussion by W. L. Walters, C. J. Black, J. J. Beach, B. A. Bowers, J. W. Whitley, Hon. J. H. Quinn, and Dr. Zeno Wall, of Shelby, and others, the motion carries.

25. On motion of J. W. Whitley a report of Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs Jr. College for 1930 is incorporated in minutes as follows:

TO THE KINGS MOUNTAIN, SANDY RUN AND GASTON COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS:

The trustees of Boiling Springs Junior College herewith submit their report. This constitutes our second annual report as a junior college and the twenty-third report as a high school. The second year has been added to the curriculum so as to make a standard junior college, and full faith and credit is given to the students by all colleges and universities for the work completed at Boiling Springs Junior College. The work of the students is also recognized by the State Board of Education in certification of teachers for the public schools of the State. Notwithstanding the great financial depression in the country, your college opened its session for 1930-31 on September 2nd with the largest enrollment in its history, there being 97 registered in the junior college department and 106 in the high school department. Your college has met all the standard requirements as to physical equipment and faculty qualifications. Every department is headed by a teacher holding a Master's degree from a standard college, or its equivalent. Each and every teacher is capable, well qualified, consecrated Christian, and of outstanding ability.

Dr. Zeno Wall has been elected president who unselfishly serves in this capacity without pay. Prof. J. D. Huggins is dean of the college and principal of the high school. Prof. O. P. Hamrick is bursar, and Miss Etta Curtis is dean of women, and Mrs. Lillian M. Ritch is dietitian.

Arrangements have been made to lease certain equipment, class rooms and to teach certain high school subjects, to the County Board of Education of Cleveland County for the ensuing year.

Your board of trustees has caused an audit to be made and a

financial statement to be prepared of its affairs, which report is not yet in hand, but the financial condition as reflected by the bursar's account is as follows:

Liabilites

By operating expenses to June 30, 1930:		
Due our faithful teachers	$6,855.69	
Due upon open accounts	5,751.89	
Due upon notes	4,167.22	
Due for insurance	738.73	
Due for lumber	2.50	
		$17,516.03
By equipment and improvements		6,000.00
Total Liabilities		$23,516.03

Assets

Notes, accounts, materials on hand	$11,312.30
Amount of liabilities over assets	$12,203.73

Against this indebtedness there are the unpaid pledges of the Centennial Campaign. All those who are indebted to the school for education of their children ought to come to the rescue of the board at this hour and make prompt payment of their accounts, notes, etc. To date there has been paid on the Centennial Campaign pledges, $39,903.04, and after a balance of $96.96 is paid, it is hoped that the full amount of the unpaid pledges will be available to Boiling Springs Junior College.

The terms of the following trustees expire with the meeting of their respective associations, viz:

Kings Mountain Association: B. T. Falls, Rev. Rush Padgett, Rev. C. J. Black, J .H. Quinn, D. J. Keeter.

Sandy Run Association: A. J. Jolly, J. U. Rollins, Rev. J. A. Brook, W. L. Hicks, Rev. W. W. Rimmer

Gaston County Association: A. U. Stroup, Rev. J. J. Beach.

The trustees make the following recommendations:

First. That the churches put the college in their budget for a definite amount to be paid each year toward reducing the indebtedness and paying current expenses until such time as an adequate endowment shall be provided for Boiling Springs Junior College.

Second. That the respective associations endorse the movement to encourage farmers to plant and cultivate one acre of cotton for the use and benefit of Boiling Springs Junior College, the trustees to furnish the fertilizer and the planting seed and the tenant to have the seed for expense of ginning and cultivating and delivering the cotton to Boiling Springs.

Third. That the associations endorse the movement inaugurated by the women to contribute a chicken for the purpose of procuring books for the library, and cooperate whole-heartedly with our good women to this end.

Fourth. That we commend the cause of Christian Education as

exemplified and maintained by Boiling Springs Junor College, and urge our members to provide a donation in their wills to the endowment of Boiling Springs Junior College.

Fifth. That a determined drive and organization be planned to be put on after the meeting of the State Convention for the purpose of paying all pledges made to the Centennial Campaign for Boiling Springs Junior College.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. QUINN,
Chairman Board Trustees, Boiling Springs Junior College.

C. C. MATHENEY,
Secretary Board Trustees, Boiling Springs Junior College.

26. D. C. Wesson reads report on Public Morals and Temperance.

PUBLIC MORALS AND TEMPERANCE

From a cloud of witnesses there is much social and political unrest. Crime is prevalent. Surely the circumstances are such as to rightly demand that every citizen prove himself faithful and loyal to the state, to the highest interest of society and to his God. A few items which fall within range of the subject of this report may be noted:

1. Public Morals

None of us wishes to be a pessimist, looking out upon the world through dark glasses and seeing nothing but evil. Neither do we want to be blind optimists, overlookilng all evil. Nothing is to be gained by closing our eyes and refusing to see things as they are.

1. The breaking down of the home. There are few real homes any more. Business and pleasure have broken the family circle to pieces. The authority of parents has been well nigh lost. The country has been flooded with foolish theories of discipline.

2. The divorce evil. The mills of divorce continue to grind out their shame with unabated force. The question of law and its enforcement should occupy the prayers and efforts of all devout citizens. The sanctity of the marriage relation is being violated.

3. The private and public dance has always and still is a menace to our morals. Dancing would die if the sexes were not allowed to dance together. It is an age of low morals. The social life of today is shot through with immorality.

2. Temperance.

1. Prohibtion. We are still in the morning of the National Prohibition Act. It has extended but a brief period in the history of the Nation and of a great reform, but long enough for us to know some of its unspeakable benefits. While it cannot say with the psalmist, "I am old and gray headed," yet its voice surely has heard the cry "Help me to show my strength to this generation and my power to every one that is to come." BATTLE WITH BOOTLEGGERS AND RUM RUNNERS.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. WESSON.

The report is discussed by C. E. Phillips, C. J. Black, and Rush Padgett.

Report is adopted.

27. J. R. Rollins reads report of Treasurer.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Receipts

Dec. 4, 1929, from M. O. Thornburg, Clerk	$224.86
April 30, 1930, from M. O. Thornburg, Clerk	21.00
Total received	$245.86

Payments

Dec. 4, 1929—D. P. Dellinger, former Clerk	$ 34.61
Dec. 4, 1929—M. O. Thornburg, Clerk, salary	25.00
Dec. 4, 1929—M. O. Thornburg, Clerk, expense	10.00
March 16, 1930—Loftin & Co., minutes	150.00
April 30, 1930—Loftin & Co., minutes	17.40
Total payments	$237.01
Balance in treasury	8.85
	$245.86

J. R. ROLLINS, Treasurer
Gaston County Baptist Association

October 22, 1930.

28. On motion the association requests that the report on obituaries to be furnished later by C. F. Comstock be printed on obituary page.

On recommendation of Committee on Place and Preacher the association votes to meet next year on Wednesday after the 3rd Sunday in October at First Baptist Church of Lowell, and B. F. Austin to preach the Annual Sermon.

30. On motion the association instructs the Clerk to incorporate the report of the Executive Committee to be furnished later into the minutes and which is as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1930.

The following churches received aid from the State Mission Board: Hardin, Marietta Street, Temple and Woodlawn.

All pastors serving the above churches were asked for reports. Only two as follows sent reports to the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

Temple Church

1. Received by baptism, 17; by letter, 46.
2. Enrolled in S. S. 565.
3. Officers and teachers, 45.
4. B. Y. P. U.'s, 6; enrolled, 75.
5. Gifts to Co-Operative Program, $58.00.
6. Gifts to orphanage, $77.36.
7. Gifts to local work, $3,205.92.
8. Aid received, $275.00.

Woodlawn

1. Received, by baptism 10; by letter 10.
2. Dropped, 12.
3. Enrolled in S. S., 178.
4. Officers and teachers, 19.
5. Gifts to Co-Operative Program, $74.40.
6. Gifts to orphanage, none.
7. B. Y. P. U.'s, three, Senior, Intermediate, Junior.
8. Aid from board, $150.00.
9. Gifts for local work not given.

For report on S. S. Marietta Street Baptist Church see statistical tables.

Fraternally,

W. T. BAUCOM, Sec. Ex. Committee.

31. Forney Abernethy reads report of Committee on Order of Business for 1931.

J. W. Whitley makes motion that report be referred back to committee with instructions to put report on missions on Wednesday p. m.

J. J. Beach amends the motion to add the moderator and J. W. Whitley to the committee and that the amended report be handed to Clerk in time to be printed in minutes.

The motion and the amendment carried.

The amended report of Committee on Order of Business is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday Morning

9:30—Devotional—B. A. Bowers.
10:00—Benevolences:
Hospitals—W. T. Baucom.
Orphanage—W. A. Hoffman.
Ministerial Relief—M. P. Rhyne.
11:00—Announcements.
Sermon—B. F. Austin.
12:00—Dinner.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:00—Devotional—J. J. Beach.
1:15—Religious Literature—D. C. Wesson.
1:30—Missions:
Woman's Work—Mrs. W. J. Francis.
2:00—State Missions—C. E. Phillips.
2:30—Home Missions—T. L. Cashwell.
3:00—Foreign Missions—E. V. Hudson.
3:30—Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

Wednesday Evening

7:30—Sunday Schools—K. L. Lineberger.

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotional—J. A. Hudson.
9:45—B. Y. P. U.—J. P. Thomas.
10:30—Denominational Schools—J. W. Whitley.
11:15—Historical Resume of Associational History—C. J. Black.
12:00—Dinner.

Thursday Afternoon

1:00—Devotional—R. A. Kelley.
1:15—Election of Officers.
1:45—Public Morals and Temperance—Rush Padgett.
2:15—Treasurer's Report.
2:30—Report of Executive Committee.
2:45—Final Report on Centennial Campaign—W. J. Francis.
3:00—Obituaries—W. G. Camp.
3:10—Miscellaneous.

C. E. PHILLIPS,
D. P. DELLINGER,
J. W. WHITLEY,
R. G. MACE,
Committee.

32. On motion of E. V. Hudson the association extends a unanimous vote of thanks to the pastor, membership and especially the ladies for the gracious manner in which they entertained the association.

33. On motion the association dispenses with the reading of the minutes and closes with prayer.

R. G. MACE, Moderator.
M. O. THORNBURG, Clerk.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE ROLL CALL HENCE SINCE OCT. 1, 1929

BELMONT EAST
- Miss Hocida Huggins
- Mr. Bert Parker
- Miss Lessie Brooks
- Mrs. Lucy Bass

BELMONT FIRST
- Mr. Austin Dellinger
- Mrs. John Lee
- Dr. J. H. Terrell

BESSEMER CITY
- Mr. L. L. Whitworth
- Mr. F. C. Wright
- Mr. A. L. Hayes

CENTER VIEW
- Mrs. Mollie Crawford

CHERRYVILLE
- Mr. Nathol Buckanon
- Mrs. J. W. Blackwood

CRAMERTON
- Mrs. Nola Center

DALLAS
- Mrs. R. C. Brooks

GASTONIA CALVARY
- Mrs. M. J. Beach
- Mrs. Loyd Goble
- Mrs. R. L. Lane

GASTONIA EAST
- Mrs. Margaret Johnson
- Mr. G. L. Long
- Mrs. W. P. Bell
- Mr. John Groner

GASTONIA FIRST
- Mrs. Ferrie Jones
- Mr. C. R. Holland

GASTONIA-FLINT GROV'S
- Mr. J. E. C. Ford (Deacon)
- Mr. J. L. Price (Deacon)

GASTONIA LORAY
- Miss Nancy Grigg
- Mrs. B. A. Brewer
- Mrs. Wade Fite
- Mrs. C. C. Wall
- Mrs. W. A. Epson
- Mr. W. M. Whitlow

GASTONIA S. MARIETTA STREET
- Mr. J. N. Adair
- Mr. O. F. Price (Deacon)
- Mrs. D. A. Hoffman

GASTONIA TEMPLE
- Mrs. Fannie Grigg

HARDIN
- Mr. E. W. Huggins (Deac.)

HICKORY GROVE
- Mrs. Mary Duncan
- Mr. Andrew Duncan
- Miss Caroline Hovis
- Mr. D. L. Abernethy

HULL'S GROVE
- Mrs. Dollie Willis
- Mrs. Eliza Weathers

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL
- Mr. Charlie Ingle
- Mr. Steve Garland
- Mr. W. C. Hoffman

LOWELL FIRST
- Mr. J. R. Blair
- Mr. John Groves
- Mrs. W. W. Walls
- Mrs. Chas. Usera
- Mrs. Lydia Edwards

McADENVILLE
- Mrs. Chas. Huffstickler
- Mrs. Cobb
- Mrs. Coley
- Mr. C. S. Hendricks
- Mr. Geo. Poole, Sr.

MT. BEULAH
- Mr. A. J. Rayfield
- Mr. T. A. Adams
- Miss Artie Mae Costner

MT. HOLLY
- Mrs. Ellen Stroupe
- Mrs. Lillie Black
- Mrs. Mary Beam
- Mrs. W. N. Cavin

SHADY GROVE
- Mrs. Barbara Mauney
- Mr. Roy Beattie
- Mr. A. P. Hornsby

ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	
J. M. Ballard	Lincolnton	Member
W. F. Huggins	Worth	Member
S. M. Stroupe	Alexis	Pastor
R. G. Mace	Belmont	Pastor
R. A. Kelley	Belmont	Pastor
C. J. Black	Bessemer City	Pastor
H. W. Baucom	Gastonia, R. F. D.	Pastor
T. E. Chronister	Stanley	Member
A. T. Cain	Belmont	Pastor
J. Z. Perry	Belmont	Member
J. J. Beach	Cherryville	Pastor
E. V. Hudson	Cramerton	Pastor
Clarence Baker	Wake Forest	Member
Grady Bowen	Cramerton	Member
W. T. Baucom	Dallas	Pastor
Geo. W. Davis	S. Gastonia	Pastor
D. F. Burchfield	S. Gastonia	Member
T. L. Cashwell	Gastonia	Pastor
Raymond Long	Wake Forest	Member
B. A. Bowers	Gastonia	Pastor
N. T. Lancaster	Gastonia	Member
B. F. Austin	East Gastonia	Pastor
M. G. Cloer	East Gastonia	Member
J. W. Whitley	Gastonia	Pastor
G. C. Ivery	Gastonia	Member
A. P. Bumgardner	Gastonia, Rt. No. 4	Member
J. A. Hudson	Gastonia	Pastor
W. A. Hoffman	West Gastonia	Pastor
Ed Brown	Dallas, Rt. No. 1	Pastor
W. B. McClure	Alexis	Pastor
J. B. Payne	High Shoals	Pastor
John A. Hallman	Vale, Rt. No. 3	Member
J. J. Waldrop	Vale, Rt. No. 3	Member
C. E. Phillips	Dallas	Pastor
Rush Padgett	Lowell	Pastor
Rufus Mayberry	Sylva	Member
D. C. Wesson	McAdenville	Pastor
A. H. Lee	Lowell, Rt. No. 2	Member
W. H. Redmond	Kings Mountain, Rt. No.	Pastor
W. G. Camp	Cherryville	Pastor
M. L. Barnes	Mt. Holly	Pastor
Geo. R. Mullis	Mt. Holly	Member
D. F. Putnam	Shelby	Pastor
Lee Wacaster	Cherryville	Member
W. L. Walters	Gastonia	Pastor
A. A. Lockee	Mt. Holly	Pastor
M. P. Rhyne	Dallas	Pastor
C. L. Thomas	Mt. Holly	Member
C. F. Comstock	Lowell	Pastor
O. W. Deaton (Licensed)	Gastonia	Member
D. J. Cobb (Licensed)	McAdenville	Member

Auxiliary Leaders

Y. W. A. Counselors

Belmont First—Miss Edna Grubbs, Belmont.
Bessemer City—Miss Lucy Williams, Bessemer City.
Cherryville—Mrs. Victor Strong, Cherryville.
Cramerton—Mrs. E. V. Hudson, Cramerton.
Gastonia First—Mrs. Koy Peterson, Gastonia.
Ranlo—Mrs. G. M. Smith, Gastonia.
Mt. Holly—Miss Osie Skidmore, Mt. Holly.
Mt. Beulah—Mrs. B. H. Carpenter, Bessemer City.

G. A. Leaders

Belmont East—Mrs. W. L. Nickols, Belmont.
Belmont First—Miss Pearl Abernethy, Belmont.
Bessemer City—Mrs. Fannie McDonald, Bessemer City.
Cramerton—Miss Nancy Shelton, Cramerton.
Dallas—Mrs. W. T. Baucom, Dallas.
Gastonia East—Miss Rebecca Moss, E. Gastonia.
Gastonia First—Mrs. Ben Guion and Mrs. E. R. Morgan, Gastonia
Ranlo—Mrs. Wm. McPherson and Mrs. Pearl Grice, Gastonia Rt.
Mt. Holly—Mrs. Geo. Grice, Mt. Holly.
Mt. Beulah—Mrs. Fred Biggerstaff, Bessemer City.

R. A. Leaders

Belmont First—Mrs. C. S. Kennedy, Belmont.
Bessemer City—Mrs. Fannie McDonald, Bessemer City.
Dallas—Mrs. W. T. Baucom, Dallas.
Gastonia First—Mrs. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia.
Ranlo—Mrs. Coyt Norwood, Gastonia, R. F. D.
Mt. Holly—Julian Hall, Mt. Holly.
Mt. Beulah—Mrs. B. K. Rodgers, Bessemer City.

Sunbeam Leaders

Belmont East—Mrs. Lela Rhinehart, Belmont.
Belmont First—Mrs. Clara Belk, Belmont.
Bessemer City—Mrs. Mildred Adams, Bessemer City.
Bruington—Mrs. D. F. Harris, Stanley
Cherryville—Mrs. Vernon Harrelson, Cherryville.
Cramerton—Miss Virginia Bland, Cramerton.
Gastonia East—Mrs. A. N. Simpson, E. Gastonia.
Gastonia First—Mrs. C. W. McLean, Gastonia.
Gastonia-Flint Groves—Mrs. Dan Keever, E. Gastonia.
Gastonia Loray—Mrs. Sloan Morrow, Gastonia, Rt. 1.
Hull's Grove—Mrs. Lizzie Hull, Vale, Rt. 3.
Lowell First—Mrs. M. H. Dilling, Lowell.
Ranlo—Mrs. E. B. Watson, Gastonia, R. F. D.
Mt. Holly—Mrs. Clyde Moody, Mt. Holly.
Mt. Beulah—Miss Ruby Whitesides, Bessemer City.

B. Y. P. U. Directors

Alexis—V. M. Shepherd, Stanley.
Belmont East—Elliott Webb, Belmont.
Belmont First—W. J. Francis, Belmont.
Bessemer City—H. T. Daniels, Bessemer City.
Bethel—Miss Alma Simms, Gastonia, Rt. 4.
Bruington—Vipperman Lineberger, Stanley.
Center View—Miss Grace Pressley, Belmont.
Cherryville—Leslie Bookout, Cherryville.
Cramerton—Guy Walker, Cramerton.
Dallas—R. B. Lineberger, Dallas.
Gastonia Calvary—Mrs. J. F. Small, S. Gastonia.
Gastonia, East—M. T. Saunders, Jr., E. Gastonia.
Gastonia First—Koy Peterson, Gastonia.
Gastonia-Flint Groves—Miss Bethie McColl, E. Gastonia.
Gastonia Loray—Winston Crawford, Gastonia.
Gastonia S. Marietta—Luther Hawkins, Gastonia.
Gastonia Temple—Miss Bessie Bridges, Gastonia, Rt. 4.
Hardin—J. J. Friday, Dallas, Rt. 1.
Hickory Grove—J. R. Lineberger, Lowell, Rt. 2.
High Shoals—R. E. Beasley, High Shoals.
Lowell First—M. H. Dilling, Lowell, N. C.
Long Creek Memorial—T. S. Summey, Dallas.
McAdenville—T. B. Thomasson, McAdenville.
Mt. Beulah—E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City.
Mt. Holly—Miss Osie Skidmore, Mt. Holly.

Ranlo—William Doye, Ranlo Station, Gastonia.
Riverside—M. R. Thomas, Gastonia.
Sandy Plains—Miss Laura Hoffman, Lowell, Rt. 1.
Shady Grove—Floyd L. Mauney, Cherryville, Rt. 2.
Tuckaseege—Anthony Lockee, Mt. Holly.

W. M. U. Presidents

Alexis—Miss Mamie Rhyne, Dallas, Rt. 1.
Belmont East—Mrs. Addie Cash, Belmont.
Belmont First—Mrs. R. A. Kelly, Belmont.
Bessemer City—Mrs. W. A. Lindsey, Bessemer City.
Bruington—Mrs. R. F. Craig, Stanley.
Center View—Mrs. A. T. Cain, Belmont.
Cherryville—Mrs. J. J. Beach, Cherryville.
Cramerton—Mrs. J. B. Walker, Cramerton.
Dallas—Miss Helen Durham, Dallas.
Gastonia East—Vacant.
Gastonia First—Mrs. H. B. Moore, Gastonia.
Gastonia-Flint Groves—Mrs. J. L. Brackett, E. Gastonia.
Gastonia Loray—Mrs. D. A. Grigg, Gastonia.
Hickory Grove—Mrs. F. H. Abernethy, Mt. Holly, Rt. 2.
Hull's Grove—Mrs. J. J. Waldrop, Vale, Rt. 3.
Lowell First—Mrs. J. B. Freeman, Lowell.
McAdenville—Mrs. Roie Branch, McAdenville.
Mt. Beulah—Mrs. W. B. Elam, Lincolnton, Rt. 5.
Mt. Holly—Mrs. Roy Stroupe, Mt. Holly.
Ranlo—Mrs. J. F. Wofford, Gastonia, Rt. 2.
Sandy Plains—Mrs. J. C. Millen, Lowell, Rt. 1.
Shady Grove—Mrs. Vida Farnsworth, Cherryville.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1930

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP									Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observance of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Members Reported Last Year	GAINS: Baptisms	GAINS: Letters	GAINS: Statements	GAINS: Restorations	LOSSES: Letters	LOSSES: Exclusions	LOSSES: Erasures	LOSSES: Deaths	Total Present Members				
Alexis	Village	1904	S. M. Stroup, Alexis	1 2	169	3	10	--	---	8	---	---	---	174	Yes	1	1	3
Belmont, East	Town	1912	R. G. Mace, Belmont	*	402	17	12	---	---	10	7	---	4	410	Yes	1	4	---
Belmont, First	Town	1874	R. A. Kelly	*	388	36	37	10	--	31	---	---	3	437	Yes	1	4	24
Bessemer City	Town	1898	J. C. Black, Bessemer City	*	392	25	39	4	3	8	---	---	3	452	Yes	---	4	9
Bethel	Village	1926	H. W. Baucom, S. Gastonia	*	30	3	12	1	---	2	---	---	---	48	---	2	2	---
Bruington	Town	1891	Vacant		273	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---
Centerview	Village	1921	A. T. Cain, Belmont	*	426	22	14	4	---	14	---	189	1	262	Yes	2	2	---
Cherryville	Town	1893	J. J. Beach, Cherryville	*	475	21	3	---	---	14	---	---	2	483	No	2	2	---
Cramerton	Town	1911	E. V. Hudson, Cramerton	*	373	37	57	6	---	33	---	---	1	439	Yes	1	4	14
Dallas	Town	1879	W. T. Baucom, Dallas	*	230	4	17	---	---	11	---	---	1	239	Yes	1	4	18
Gastonia, Calvary	City	1920	Geo. W. Davis, S. Gastonia	*	439	35	22	2	1	29	4	---	3	485	Yes	2	2	1
Gastonia, East	City	1900	T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia	*	469	7	30	1	0	31	15	5	4	452	Yes	1	4	25
Gastonia, First	City	1876	B. A. Bowers, Gastonia	*	887	41	56	4	---	61	4	---	2	921	Yes	1	4	---
Gastonia, Flint Groves	City	1923	B. F. Austin, Gastonia	*	301	33	25	5	--	6	---	17	2	331	Yes	2	3	5
Gastonia, Loray	City	1905	J. W. Whitley, Gastonia	*	779	135	112	14	14	85	---	---	6	973	Yes	3	4	25
Gastonia, S. Marietta	City	1917	J. A. Hudson, Gastonia	*	266	21	21	---	1	24	1	72	3	209	Yes	1	3	1
Gastonia, Temple	City	1926	W. A. Hoffman, Gastonia	*	324	17	38	8	---	22	9	---	1	355	Yes	2	4	5
Hardin	Village	1922	Ed. Browne, Dallas, R. 1	*	95	11	---	---	---	8	---	---	1	97		1	1	---
Hickory Grove	Country	1873	W. B. McClure, Alexis	2 4	166	12	2	--	1	5	---	---	4	172	Yes	1	2	3
High Shoals	Village	1902	J. B. Payne, High Shoals	1 3	55	37	29	26	---	7	---	---	---	140	Yes	1	1	1
Hulls Grove	Country	1890	Vacant	3	187	3	3	--	---	3	---	---	2	188	No	1	2	5
Long Creek Memorial	Country	1772	C. E. Phillips, Dallas	*	319	23	7	3	--	23	---	---	3	326	Yes	1	2	5
Lowell, First	Town	1893	Rush Padgett, Lowell	*	302	67	35	2	6	20	14	---	5	373	Yes	2	4	---
McAdenville	Town	1887	D. C. Wesson	*	346	16	19	---	2	13	5	---	5	359	Yes	1	1	10
Mountain View	Village	1928	W. H. Redmond, Kings Mtn., R.	*	66	19	2	4	0	2	18	0	0	71	Yes	1	1	0
Mt. Beulah	Country	1916	W. G. Camp, Cherryville	2 4	175	2	6	---	---	16	4	1	3	159	No	1	4	20
Mt. Holly	Town	1890	M. L. Barnes, Mt. Holly	*	513	---	25	---	---	27	---	---	3	508	Yes	0	4	---
Mt. Zion	Country	1857	D. F. Putnam, Shelby	1 3	198	12	6	---	2	5	---	---	---	213	Yes	0	0	3
Ranlo	Village	1919	W. L. Walters, Gastonia	*	288	28	45	3	13	21	2	2	---	352	Yes	2	2	---
Riverside	Village	1927	A. A. Lackee, Mt. Holly	1	86	7	2	--	1	3	---	1	---	92	Yes	1	1	---
Sandy Plains	Country	1863	M. P. Rhyne, Dallas	2 4	90	29	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	237	2 4	1	2	2
Shady Grove	Country	1880	W. G. Camp, Cherryville	1 3	140	15	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	150	No	1	1	4
Spencer Mountain	Village	1908	Ed Brown, Gastonia, R. 2	2 4	124	7	5	2	1	13	---	---	---	126	Yes	2	2	---
Tuckaseege	Village	1912	A. A. Lackee, Mt. Holly	2 4	145	36	13	12	---	5	---	---	---	200	Yes	1	2	1
Webbs Chapel	Country	1892	M. P. Rhyne, Dallas	1	56	26	1	1	---	1	---	---	---	83	Yes	1	2	---
Woodlawn	Village	1928	C. F. Comstock, Lowell	*	43	18	40	3	0	24	2	0	1	77	Yes	2	1	4
TOTALS					10017	825	754	117	45	590	83	287	63	10593	--	44	89	188

*Every Sunday

R. G. Mace, Moderator of Gaston County Baptist Association, Belmont, N. C.

Jno. A. Wilkins, Clerk of Gaston County Baptist Association, Gastonia, N. C.

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1930

CHURCHES	Is it a Village, Town, City or Country Church?	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION									
			Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Total Enrollment—Including Officers, Teachers and Pupils	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Have you a Mission Sunday School?	Enrollment of Mission Sunday School	Did you hold a Daily Vacation Bible School?	Enrollment Daily Vacation School	Average Attendance Daily Vacation School
Alexis	Village	C. L. Abernethy, Alexis	15	10	15	30	25	29	32	---	---	156	82	Yes	No	6	2	---	---	---	---	---
Belmont, East	Town	T. L. Kirby, Belmont	49	47	90	100	77	176	98	---	---	637	475	No	No	4	17	---	---	---	---	---
Belmont, First	Town	D. P. Stowe, Belmont	57	60	57	53	54	42	127	18	24	486	---	Yes	Yes	33	35	Yes	78	---	---	---
Bessemer City	Town	A. F. Briggs, Bessemer City	41	46	90	96	72	32	245	82	40	744	260	Yes	No	22	22	No	---	Yes	---	---
Bethel	Village	I. E. Campbell, Gastonia, R. 4	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	54	40	No	No	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bruington	Town	F. G. Dawkins, Stanley	13	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	193	120	Yes	No	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Centerview	Village	Miles Presley, Belmont	12	---	39	129	58	106	39	---	---	383	250	No	No	3	14	---	---	---	---	---
Cherryville	Town	I. F. Allen, Cherryville	33	28	55	67	41	83	83	19	---	409	170	Yes	No	20	20	---	---	---	---	---
Cramerton	Town	J. C. Martin, Cramerton	48	35	65	65	60	115	75	30	51	544	280	Yes	No	38	37	---	---	---	---	---
Dallas	Town	K. L. Lineberger, Dallas	23	25	26	36	26	19	30	28	14	210	120	Yes	No	18	3	---	---	---	---	---
Gastonia, Calvary	City	R. L. Taylor, Gastonia Vic. Sta.	21	24	74	72	45	---	161	26	---	423	278	No	No	7	12	---	---	---	---	---
Gastonia, East	City	G. C. Moss, Gastonia	50	10	48	59	46	49	58	16	60	396	290	Yes	No	35	---	---	---	---	---	---
Gastonia, First	City	M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia	88	78	102	141	107	126	398	69	70	1179	540	Yes	No	65	31	---	---	Yes	160	137
Gastonia, Flint Groves	City	J. L. Brackett, East Gastonia	14	80	---	60	22	9	229	115	5	520	261	No	No	1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Gastonia, Loray	City	L. J. Waldrop, Gastonia	82	77	136	187	99	93	661	33	35	1187	687	Yes	No	85	135	---	---	---	---	---
Gastonia, S. Marietta	City	G. A. Howell, Gastonia	11	20	24	41	32	28	74	---	---	230	130	Yes	No	2	10	Yes	35	Yes	75	56
Gastonia, Temple	City	Otto Perry, Gastonia, R. 4	45	70	65	85	60	85	125	30	---	610	224	Yes	No	21	16	---	---	---	---	---
Hardin	Village	J. J. Friday, Dallas, R. 1	10	10	13	15	14	38	31	---	---	131	90	Yes	No	---	6	No	---	---	---	---
Hickory Grove	Country	Warren Baker, Lowell R. 1	11	21	18	29	15	18	54	---	---	166	120	No	No	---	10	---	---	---	---	---
High Shoals	Village	M. E. Robinson, High Shoals	68	18	24	39	24	42	48	5	---	208	168	Yes	No	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hulls Grove	Country	T. B. Hull, Vale, R. 3	15	15	20	27	14	35	20	---	---	146	84	Yes	No	3	3	---	---	Yes	86	67
Long Creek Memorial	Country	F. M. Paysour, Dallas	14	32	21	25	36	55	75	---	---	258	146	Yes	No	1	18	---	---	---	---	---
Lowell, First	Town	J. B. Freeman, Lowell	22	55	52	40	47	34	134	25	---	387	225	No	No	8	48	---	---	---	---	---
McAdenville	Town	B. H. Waters, McAdenville	19	30	37	39	22	26	27	---	---	200	200	No	No	6	16	---	---	---	---	---
Mountain View	Village	J. A. Culberson	14	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	130	75	No	No	2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mt. Beulah	Country	J. W. Whitesides, Bessemer City	13	12	18	24	25	16	47	---	---	155	110	Yes	Yes	9	1	---	---	---	---	---
Mt. Holly	Town	J. D. Hobbs, Mt. Holly	26	37	60	92	40	70	75	---	---	400	275	Yes	No	---	---	Yes	97	---	---	---
Mt. Zion	Country	W. C. Houser, Cherryville	32	13	17	24	21	27	37	6	---	153	72	Yes	No	---	11	---	---	---	---	---
Ranlo	Village	W. H. Noblett, Ranlo	35	45	61	69	74	53	92	11	---	440	290	No	No	25	28	---	---	---	---	---
Riverside	Village	Willie Paysour, Lowell R. 2	11	22	10	12	---	13	52	17	---	137	89	No	No	---	4	---	---	---	---	---
Sandy Plains	Country	W. E. Barnes, Lowell R. 1	9	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	---	231	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shady Grove	Country	Floyd Mauney, Cherryville, R. 2	12	10	15	22	18	25	36	---	---	126	75	Yes	Yes	7	10	---	---	---	---	---
Spencer Mountain	Village	A. B. Boozer, Lowell, R. 2	14	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	140	119	---	---	---	7	---	---	---	---	---
Tuckaseege	Village	Rev. C. L. Thomas, Mt. Holly	10	37	---	22	40	26	84	10	---	229	185	No	No	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Webbs Chapel	Country	Carl E. Smith, Lincolnton	6	6	9	15	21	20	10	5	---	85	60	Yes	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Woodlawn	Village	K. E. Sherrill, Lowell	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	165	120	No	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTALS			898	975	1251	1715	1235	1490	3247	551	310	12118	6810		---	417	516	---	210	---	321	260

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TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1930

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When was it Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Mission Chapel if Any	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Alexis	C. L. Abernethy, Alexis	Yes	1904	Wood	400	5	4	4	$ 2,000.00	----	$ ----	$ 2,000.00	$ ----	$ ----
Belmont, East	W. W. Rodden, Belmont	Yes	1930	Brick	500	31	3	30	23,000.00	----	2,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
Belmont, First	W. H. Stowe, Belmont	Yes	1911	B&W	500	13	13	13	28,000.00	----	12,000.00	40,000.00	2,625.00	16,000.00
Bessemer City	J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City	Yes	1929	Brick	400	16	4	12	40,000.00	----	----------	40,000.00	12,000.00	15,000.00
Bethel	L. E. Campbell, Gastonia, R. 4	No		Wood	300	3	3	3	----------	----	----------	----------	----------	----------
Bruington	F. H. Morris, Stanley	Yes	1924	Brick	400	10	2	8	20,000.00	----	3,000.00	23,000.00	7,000.00	8,000.00
Centerview	C. C. Holtzclaw, Belmont	Yes	1929	B&W	1000	14	14	14	10,000.00	----	2,500.00	12,500.00	5,570.00	7,000.00
Cherryville	H. H. Allen, Cherryville	Yes	1921	Brick	600	23	4	21	80,000.00	----	5,000.00	85,000.00	12,600.00	45,000.00
Cramerton	R. L. Leeper, Cramerton	Yes	1920	Brick	500	8	3	10	55,000.00	----	3,000.00	55,000.00	----------	25,000.00
Dallas	R. E. Cooke, Dallas	Yes	1914	Brick	600	6	5	5	20,000.00	----	10,000.00	30,000.00	----------	10,000.00
Gastonia, Calvary	W. A. Marley, S. Gastonia	Yes	1923	Brick	475	11	2	11	20,000.00	----	3,000.00	23,000.00	8,358.19	10,600.00
Gastonia, East	M. T. Saunders, Jr., E. Gastonia	Yes	1918	Brick	600	27	6	24	55,000.00	----	12,000.00	67,000.00	4,400.00	20,000.00
Gastonia, First	G. G. Willis, Gastonia	Yes	1923	Brick	1302	26	7	26	250,000.00	----	30,000.00	280,000.00	3,000.00	102,000.00
Gastonia, Flint Groves	A. L. Cline, East Gastonia	Yes	1924	Brick	1000	12	3	12	15,000.00	----	----------	15,000.00	5,500.00	13,000.00
Gastonia, Loray	Jno. P. Smith, Gastonia	Yes	1905	Wood	1200	4	5	34	70,000.00	----	20,000.00	90,000.00		35,000.00
Gastonia, S. Marietta	G. A. Howell, Gastonia	Yes	1917	Brick	400	12	2	10	25,000.00	----	----------	25,000.00	4,500.00	10,000.00
Gastonia, Temple	Otto Perry, Gastonia, R. 4	Yes	1928	Wood	400	---	6	29	9,000.00	----	----------	9,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
Hardin	Jno. F. Lynn, Dallas, R. 1	Yes	1929	Brick	400	7	3	6	7,000.00	----	----------	7,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Hickory Grove	C. L. Lineberger, Mt. Holly	Yes	1906	Wood	500	3	2	2	5,000.00	----	----------	5,000.00	----------	3,500.00
High Shoals	J. T. Lackey, High Shoals	Yes	1912	Wood	350	5	---	---	1,500.00	----	----------	1,500.00	----------	----------
Hulls Grove	T. B. Hull, Vale, R. 3	Yes	1900	Wood	500	6	---	6	2,000.00	----	----------	2,000.00	----------	1,500.00
Long Creek Memorial	T. S. Summey, Dallas	Yes	1920	Brick	1000	11	6	5	55,000.00	----	2,500.00	57,500.00	7,000.00	12,500.00
Lowell, First	R. E. Wyatt, Lowell	Yes	1928	Brick	600	22	3	17	42,500.00	----	7,500.00	50,000.00	27,000.00	20,000.00
McAdenville	T. B. Thomasson, McAdenville	Yes	1887	Wood	400	9	---	8	5,000.00	----	2,500.00	7,500.00	----------	6,000.00
Mountain View	J. B. Welch, Gastonia, R. F. D.	No	1896	Wood	300	1	3	4	----------	----	----------	----------	----------	----------
Mt. Beulah	M. L. Black, Bessemer City	Yes	1917	Wood	400	9	9	8	5,250.00	----	----------	5,250.00	----------	----------
Mt. Holly	T. L. Ware, Mt. Holly	Yes	1924	Brick	1000	21	5	16	60,000.00	----	5,000.00	65,000.00	14,894.00	34,000.00
Mt. Zion	W. C. Houser, Cherryville	Yes	1903	Wood	400	10	2	3	5,000.00	----	----------	5,250.00	----------	----------
Ranlo	Wm. McPherson, Gastonia	Yes	1923	Brick	400	11	11	11	15,000.00	----	3,500.00	18,500.00	4,000.00	11,700.00
Riverside	Willis Paysour, Lowell R. 2	Yes	1927	Wood	300	1	---	---	2,265.75	----	----------	2,265.75	----------	1,600.00
Sandy Plains	W. E. Barnes, Lowell R. 1	Yes	1875	Wood	500	4	---	3	2,000.00	----	----------	2,000.00	----------	750.00
Shady Grove	D. R. Stroup, Cherryville, R. 2	Yes	1881	Wood	300	5	1	4	1,500.00	----	----------	1,500.00	----------	----------
Spencer Mountain	C. Y. Smith, Lowell	No		Wood	300	---	---	4	---	----	----------	----------	----------	----------
Tuckaseege	J. J. Guice, Mt. Holly	Yes	1912	Wood	350	1	2	2	5,000.00	----	1,800.00	6,800.00	----------	2,000.00
Webbs Chapel	F. B. Carpenter, Lincolnton, R. 5	Yes	1902	Wood	250	1	----	----	2,000.00	----	----------	2,500.00	50.00	300.00
Woodlawn	S. A. Cloneger, Lowell	No												
TOTALS					18917	337	133	366	$938,015.75		$125,300.00	$1,063,065.75	$147,798.19	$432,450.00

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPT. 30, 1930

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK										
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. and W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total for Local Church Work Given by Church and all Its Organizations
Alexis	F. B. Morris, Alexis	$ 400.00	$ ------	$ 30.00	$ ------	$ 24.00	$ 85.29	------	------	$ 849.00	$ 547.78
Belmont, East	C. E. Lee, Belmont	2,600.00	------	100.00	15,265.94	245.52	402.90	------	------	------	16,614.36
Belmont, First	R. B. Suggs, Belmont	2,700.00	------	------	487.56	655.51	505.64	95.06	10.00	242.15	4,695.92
Bessemer City	J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City	2,268.00	85.50	------	1,707.75	812.43	333.35	60.08	------	164.60	5,432.51
Bethel	I. E. Campbell, Gastonia, R. 4	----	------	20.00	------	3.75	20.00	10.00	------	------	53.75
Bruington	J. O. Smith, Stanley	968.70	------	------	565.28	51.13	70.00	------	------	------	1,655.11
Centerview	E. S. Auten, Belmont	1,225.00	------	70.00	500.00	130.00	142.90	5.00	------	10.00	1,640.00
Cherryville	J. W. Kendrick, Cherryville	2,415.17	------	235.00	1,745.23	357.79	250.00	25.00	14.25	4.00	5,046.44
Cramerton	D. M. Ballard, Cramerton	3,000.00	------	176.00	462.88	234.00	290.64	101.80	------	277.77	4,543.69
Dallas	E. R. Rhyne, Dallas	1,050.00	------	100.00	70.50	198.41	222,30	------	5.00	51.82	1,698.03
Gastonia, Calvary	C. C. McArver, Gastonia, Vic. Sta.	1,800.00	------	200.00	1,524.13	160.50	155.18	------	12.00	1,718.29	5,650.10
Gastonia, East	C. O. Long, Gastonia	2,600.00	------	64.96	1,137.32	938.56	375.00	25.00	16.50	434.70	5,592.04
Gastonia, First	A. Froneberger, Gastonia	4,920.00	4,402.75	25.00	1,505.00	1,687.02	779.21	108.00	------	------	13,426.98
Gastonia, Flint Groves	F. A. Smith, Gastonia	1,560.00	------	52.00	1,563.17	326.92	308.49	172.12	5.00	658.43	4,646.13
Gastonia, Loray	R. C. Blanton, Gastonia	3,500.00	------	250.00	672.00	2,105.81	666.10	100.00	10.00	------	5,303.91
Gastonia, S. Marietta	J. A. Parker, Gastonia R. 2	1,690.00	------	50.00	189.27	159.00	150.00	5.00	8.00	61.25	2,312.55
Gastonia, Temple	I. N. Young, W. Gastonia	1,530.50	------	68.00	961.41	342.66	208.92	30.00	5.00	59.43	3,205.92
Hardin	Walter Friday, Dallas, R. 1	50.00	20.00	------	2,244	03	8.00	42.00	------	2.55	------	2,366.58
Hickory Grove	C. F. Lineberger, Mt. Holly	349.72	8.05	61.00	------	137.95	159.95	53.00	5.00	30.50	805.17
High Shoals	O. H. Dillard, High Shoals, Box 56	548.41	------	130.00	------	156.00	------	------	------	------	864.41
Hulls Grove	W. L. Cansler, Vale R. 3	300.00	------	20.00	217.00	11.75	102.54	8.00	------	15.00	674.29
Long Creek Memorial	L. W. Holland, Dallas	1,074.70	------	72.16	2,009.92	266.42	116.19	----	------	------	3,539.39
Lowell, First	R. F. Harris, Lowell	1,548.25	------	98.00	3,363.66	193.60	238.13	10.90	11.28	315.28	5,779.10
McAdenville	C. E. Austin, McAdenville	940.00	------	139.90	189.13	140.72	114.64	33.98	------	69.05	1,627.42
Mountain View	J. B. Welch, Gastonia, R. F. D.	14.05	------	28.03	------	------	27.98	------	------	------	70.06
Mt. Beulah	W. B. Elam, Lincolnton	437.50	------	50.00	------	24.00	97.28	------	4.77	18.90	626.05
Mt. Holly	W. A. Autrey, Mt. Holly	2,600.00	------	------	1,999.87	578.89	280.00	20.00	10.00	------	5,488.76
Mt. Zion	C. J. Dellinger, Cherryville	500.00	------	32.00	------	33.65	63.06	------	5.00	------	634.65
Ranlo	A. C. Warlick, Gastonia R. 2	1,560.00	------	161.30	1,536.80	227.10	164.71	25.00	5.00	43.75	3,713.66
Riverside	E. R. Bumgarner, Lowell R. 2	292.44	------	86.75	72.50	99.84	40.00	20.00	2.50	301.04	925.07
Sandy Plains	Henry Moten, Lowell R. 1	495.16	------	52.25	351.52	30.43	82.79	------	------	------	1,012.15
Shady Grove	D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville R. 2	350.00	------	52.00	175.00	------	66.91	------	4.35	------	648.16
Spencer Mountain	C. Y. Smith, Lowell	311.70	------	60.36	------	114.82	70.07	------	3.78	96.36	657.10
Tuckaseege	J. L. Thomas, Mt. Holly	296.04	------	88.85	------	192.86	81.53	15.00	3.27	41.86	719.41
Webbs Chapel	W. R. Huffstetler, Lincolnton	52.31	------	12.00	50.00	------	11.01	------	------	7.28	132.60
Woodlawn	M. P. Walker, Lowell	1,250.00	------	82.18	------	94.75	32.07	------	2.19	47.50	1,501.19
TOTALS		$48,227.65	$4,516.30	$2,668.74	$40,587.84	$10,753.89	$6,760.68	$922.94	$145.44	$4,694.54	$113,852.45

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TABLE V—GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCI

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Co-operative Program	Special to City Missions	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	
Alexis	F. B. Morris, Alexis	$ 56.25	$	$	$ 14.33	$ 17.27	$ 7
Belmont, East	C. E. Lee, Belmont	654.92			36.37	8.90	6
Belmont, First	R. B. Suggs, Belmont					2,156.09	
Bessemer City	J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City	73.35			16.00	17.00	1
Bethel	I. E. Campbell, Gastonia R. 4						
Bruington	J. O. Smith, Stanley	150.36		1.00	4.65	17.00	1
Centerview	E. S. Auten, Belmont						
Cherryville	J. W. Kendrick, Cherryville	775.41			11.55	28.25	5
Cramerton	D. M. Ballard, Cramerton	589.43			65.39	6.00	1
Dallas	E. R. Rhyne, Dallas	393.70			10.00	57.05	7
Gastonia, Calvary	C. C. McArver, Gastonia Victory Sta.						
Gastonia, East	C. O. Long, Gastonia	943.05					
Gastonia, First	A. Froneberger, Gastonia	6,915.86			138.78		
Gastonia, Flint Groves	F. A. Smith, Gastonia	14.00					
Gastonia, Loray	R. C. Blanton, Gastonia	95.55			104.06	9.25	2
Gastonia, S. Marietta	J. A. Parker, Gastonia R. 2	167.50			22.00		
Gastonia, Temple	I. N. Young, W. Gastonia	58.00					
Hardin	Walter Friday, Dallas R. 1	36.00					
Hickory Grove	C. F. Lineberger, Mt. Holly	47.60	1.60	1.60	3.50	2.40	1
High Shoals	O. H. Dillard, High Shoals, Box 56						
Hulls Grove	W. L. Cansler, Vale R. 3	28.60			1.02		
Long Creek Memorial	L. W. Holland, Dallas				35.00		
Lowell, First	R. F. Harris, Lowell	279.41			3.45	22.83	3
McAdenville	C. E. Austin, McAdenville	212.15					
Mountain View	J. B. Welch, Gastonia R. F. D.						
Mt. Beulah	W. B. Elam, Lincolnton	6.36		2.90	11.36	18.78	2
Mt. Holly	W. A. Autrey, Mt. Holly	538.21	20.00		16.62		5
Mt. Zion	C. J. Dellinger, Cherryville				13.00		
Ranlo	A. C. Warlick, Gastonia R. 2	18.22	6.00				7
Riverside	E. R. Bumgarner, Lowell R. 2						
Sandy Plains	Henry Moten, Lowell R. 1	71.60			10.75		
Shady Grove	D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville R. 2				15.80	6.00	1
Spencer Mountain	C. Y. Smith, Lowell	8.47					
Tuckaseege	J. L. Thomas, Mt. Holly						
Webbs Chapel	W. P. Huffstetler, Lincolnton R. 5						
Woodlawn	W. P. Walker, Lowell	40.90			70.05	4.50	
TOTALS		$12,176.90	$27.60	$5.50	$603.68	$2,333.32	$3

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STON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPT. 30, 1930

Ministerial Education	Special to Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total for Co-operative Program and All Specials	Given by W.M.U.	Given by the Sunday School	Total to All Missions Education and Benevolence by the Church and All Its Organizations	Grand Total All Gifts for All Purposes by Churches and All Departments
2.17	$ 119.85	$ 10.57	----	$ 15.00	$ 253.76	$ 94.70	$ 105.16	$ 310.01	$ 857.79
----	319.66	------	----	------	373.28	27.80	345.58	1,028.31	17,642.67
----	303.80	62.00	----	------	2,521.89	------	------	2,521.89	7,217.81
3.00	78.00	------	----	53.35	288.10	187.10	78.00	288.10	5,720.61
----	------	------	----	------	------	------	------	------	53.75
----	128.86	------	----	4.35	159.86	31.00	128.86	310.22	1,965.33
----	27.00	8.00	----	------	35.00	8.00	27.00	35.00	1,675.00
0.00	273.31	------	----	11.00	309.46	143.35	166.11	1,197.07	6,243.51
3.91	114.93	33.81	----	2.00	339.14	270.20	220.43	928.57	5,472.26
0.00	104.25	10.00	----	3.00	368.00	165.75	160.25	761.70	2,459.73
----	------	------	----	------	------	------	------	------	5,650.10
6.00	209.31	45.10	----	------	300.41	------	------	1,243.46	6,835.50
1.39	947.56	83.45	----	------	1,961.18	94.80	827.81	8,085.65	24,762.05
6.82	------	12.25	----	------	99.07	19.00	94.07	113.07	4,759.20
2.00	296.00	40.00	----	73.00	656.31	------	------	656.31	5,960.22
----	110.50	18.30	----	------	150.80	------	128.80	318.30	2,630.85
----	77.36	------	----	------	77.36	------	77.36	135.36	3,341.28
----	------	------	----	------	36.00	------	------	36.00	2,402.58
5.15	149.73	12.32	----	1.70	180.70	28.40	152.30	238.10	1,043.27
----	------	------	----	------	------	------	------	------	864.41
0.00	27.10	1.21	----	------	29.92	2.82	27.10	63.47	737.76
----	------	15.00	----	------	50.00	------	50.00	50.00	3,589.39
----	26.00	------	----	2.05	109.11	114.00	26.00	388.52	6,167.62
----	------	------	----	------	------	------	------	212.15	1,839.57
----	------	------	----	------	------	------	------	------	------
0.73	5.72	4.79	----	7.65	93.57	64.38	29.19	93.57	719.62
0.00	137.50	------	----	5.00	230.72	120.72	110.00	768.93	6,257.69
1.57	5.00	----	----	12.00	31.57	----	31.57	31.57	666.22
----	104.42	15.00	----	------	148.38	28.96	119.42	148.38	3,862.04
----	------	------	----	------	------	------	------	------	925.07
----	33.40	8.20	----	------	52.35	------	52.35	123.95	1,136.10
----	30.86	15.27	6.00	4.00	103.54	------	------	103.54	751.70
3.20	46.50	------	----	------	98.17	------	------	98.17	755.27
----	------	------	----	------	------	------	------	------	719.41
----	------	------	----	------	------	------	------	------	132.60
----	------	------	----	------	115.45	------	------	------	1,540.00
0.64	$3,681.62	$395.27	$6.00	$194.10	$9,173.10	$1,400.98	$2,957.36	$20,289.37	$137,357.99

TABLE VI—B. Y. P. U.'S OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1930

CHURCHES	THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK																	
	Does Church have General B.Y.P.U. Organization?	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Number Taking B.Y.P.U. Study Course	Total Number Daily Bible Readers	Total Systematic Givers in All Unions	Students in College from your Church
Alexis	Yes		1	1	1	3			18	18	18	54				
Belmont, East	Yes	1	1	1	2	5	1	16	31	34	50	131	85	94	79	3
Belmont, First	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	1	24	38	14	17	93	53	56	56	2
Bessemer City	Yes	1	1	2	2	6	6	20	35	45	40	140	131	108	105	2
Bethel	Yes			1		1				14		14				
Bruington	Yes		1			1			20			20				
Centerview	Yes		1	1	1	3			30	25	26	81	30	38	44	
Cherryville	Yes		1	1	2	4			20	24	43	87		55	42	
Cramerton	Yes		1	2	1	4	3		30	42	25	97	62	60	50	7
Dallas	Yes			1	1	2				12	10	22	19	16	20	10
Gastonia, Calvary	Yes		1	1	2	4			26	40	53	119	53	40	30	
Gastonia, East	Yes		1	2	1	4			21	33	22	76				
Gastonia, First	Yes		1	1	2	4	1		25	24	30	79	67	42	56	7
Gastonia, Flint Groves	Yes		1	1	1	3			27	20	30	77	23	37	34	
Gastonia, Loray	Yes	2	2	4	7	15	15	26	38	45	56	175	146	139	138	3
Gastonia, S. Marietta St	Yes		1	1		2			9	12		21		6		
Gastonia, Temple	Yes	1	1	2	2	6	4	16	20	21	18	75	43	43	53	
Hardin	Yes		1		1	2			16	17		33	16	12		
Hickory Grove	Yes		1	1	1	3			15	14	15	44	21	21	20	
High Shoals	Yes		1			1			20			20	10	3	20	
Hulls Grove	No		1		1	2			34		14	48				
Long Creek Memorial	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	1	23	15	25	31	94	42	53	47	
Lowell, First	Yes	1	1	2	2	6		12	14	37	29	92		22		
McAdenville	Yes	1	1	1	2	5		12	25	21	47	105	30	26	34	
Mountain View	No															
Mt. Beulah	Yes		1	1	1	3			13	12	11	36	22		23	
Mt. Holly	Yes		1	2	2	5			22	28	28	78				
Mt. Zion	No				1	1					20	20				
Ranlo	Yes		1	1	2	4	4		34	19	50	103				
Riverside	Yes															
Sandy Plains	Yes		1	1	1	3			24	11	13	48	31	17	8	
Shady Grove	Yes		1	1	1	3			13	14	8	35	28	12	33	
Spencer Mountain	No															
Tuckaseege	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	4					112	85	50	75	
Webbs Chapel	No															
Woodlawn	No		1		1	2			18		22	40				
TOTALS		10	30	35	44	119	40	149	651	621	726	2269	997	950	967	24

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TABLE VII—WOMAN'S WORK OF GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1930

CHURCHES	Number of Woman's Missionary Societies	Number of Y.W.A.'s	Number of G.A.'s	Number of R.A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W.M.U. Organizations	W.M.S. Members	Y.W.A.'s Members	G.A.'s Members	R.A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses
Alexis	1					1	12					12	
Belmont, East	1		1		1	3	20		13		12	45	
Belmont, First	1	1	2	1	1	6	35	23	20	17	31	126	93
Bessemer City	1	1	1	1	1	5	40	17	15	12	20	104	41
Bethel													
Bruington	1	1			1	3	8	8			10	26	
Centerview	1												
Cherryville	1				1	2	40				15	55	
Cramerton	1	1	1		1	4	27	32	34		21	114	18
Dallas	1		1	1		3	18		11	3		32	17
Gastonia, Calvary													
Gastonia, East	1		1		1	3							
Gastonia, First	1	1	2	1	1	6	199	12	24	11	60	306	
Gastonia, Flint Groves	1				1	2	56				15	70	
Gastonia, Loray	1				1	2	45				35	80	
Gastonia, S. Marietta													
Gastonia. Temple													
Hardin													
Hickory Grove	1				1	2	10				10	20	5
High Shoals													
Hulls Grove	1				1	2	14				10	24	
Long Creek Memorial													
Lowell, First	1				1	2	30				20	50	12
McAdenville	1					1	24					24	
Mountain View													
Mt. Beulah	1	1	2	1	1	6	11	6	13	16	9	55	31
Mt. Holly	1		1	1	1	3	47		15		16	78	
Mt. Zion													
Ranlo	2	1	2	1	1	7	30	20	23	15	22	118	14
Riverside													
Sandy Plains	1					1	8						
Shady Grove	1					1	8					8	
Spencer Mountain													
Tuckaseege													
Webbs Chapel													
Woodlawn	1					1	11					11	
TOTALS	24	7	14	7	16	63	693	118	168	74	306	1347	231

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Constitution

Name

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "The Gaston County Baptist Association.

Object

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the gospel (as we hold it) to the people within the bounds of the Association, and so co-operate with the Baptist State Convention.

Membership

Article 3. The Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, pastors of the churches in the Association, and Messengers from the churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof over and above 200 members and also one additional messenger for every five thousand dollars or fraction thereof, contributed to the cause of the two conventions.

Officers

Article 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, a Treasurer and a Clerk, all of whom shall be elected each year, by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall correspond to the duties of the same officers in like organizations, or as defined by the Association from time to time.

Boards and Committees

Article 5. The Association shall elect an Executive Committee each year whose duties shall be to look after having the gospel preached in all parts of the Association, and to attend to all business of the Association between the sessions and to make such reports as they deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Association. The Association may appoint or elect such other Boards or Committees from time to time as circumstances may require.

Time of Meeting

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually, on Wednesday after the Third Sunday in October. The Moderator may at the request of the Executive Committee change the time or the place of meeting of this Association when it may be deemed by him not expedient to meet at the time or place appointed.

Vacancies

Article 7. The Moderator in concurrence with the Executive Committee may fill any vacancy occurring between meetings of the Association.

Amendments

Article 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the number enrolled on the first day of the Association.

By-Laws

No By-Laws Adopted: The Association follows Kerfoot's Rules of order for Parliamentary authority.

HISTORICAL

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1919	Gastonia First	D. F. Putnam	H. B. Moore	David P. Dellinger
1920	Long Creek Memor'l	T. H. King	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1921	Cherryville	T. M. Kester	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1922	Cramerton	T. M. Kester	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1923	Loray Gastonia	E. C. Andrews	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1924	Mount Zion	J. O. Fulbright	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1925	Alexis	W. T. Baucom	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1926	Flint-Groves	O. W. Triplett	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1927	Hickory Grove	J. J. Beach	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1928	Gastonia, Marietta St.	T. L. Cashwell	W. J. Francis	David P. Dellinger
1929	Mt. Holly	Dr. B. A. Bowers	R. G. Mace	M. O. Thornburg
1930	Bessemer City	R. A. Kelley	R. G. Mace	M. O. Thornburg

MAILING CHURCH LETTERS

The Association requires that the Clerks of the several churches prepare and mail to the Clerk of the Association all Letters to the Association at least ten (10) days before the annual meeting.

Further, that the Associational Year close on the 30th day of September each year.

Therefore, no collections made, members received or business done on or after October 1st, should be included in the previous year's report. It is important that this rule be observed strictly for uniformity of the facts and statistics.

FUNDS FOR MINUTES AND PRINTING

The Fund for Minutes and Printing should by all means be sent with the Letter to avoid delay in the printing and delivery of the Minutes. A committee from the Association estimated that 3c. per member should cover this item.

CLERK'S NOTE

It is earnestly requested that we have the full co-operation of every church in the Association next year, in order that the minutes may be accurate and complete as possible.

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